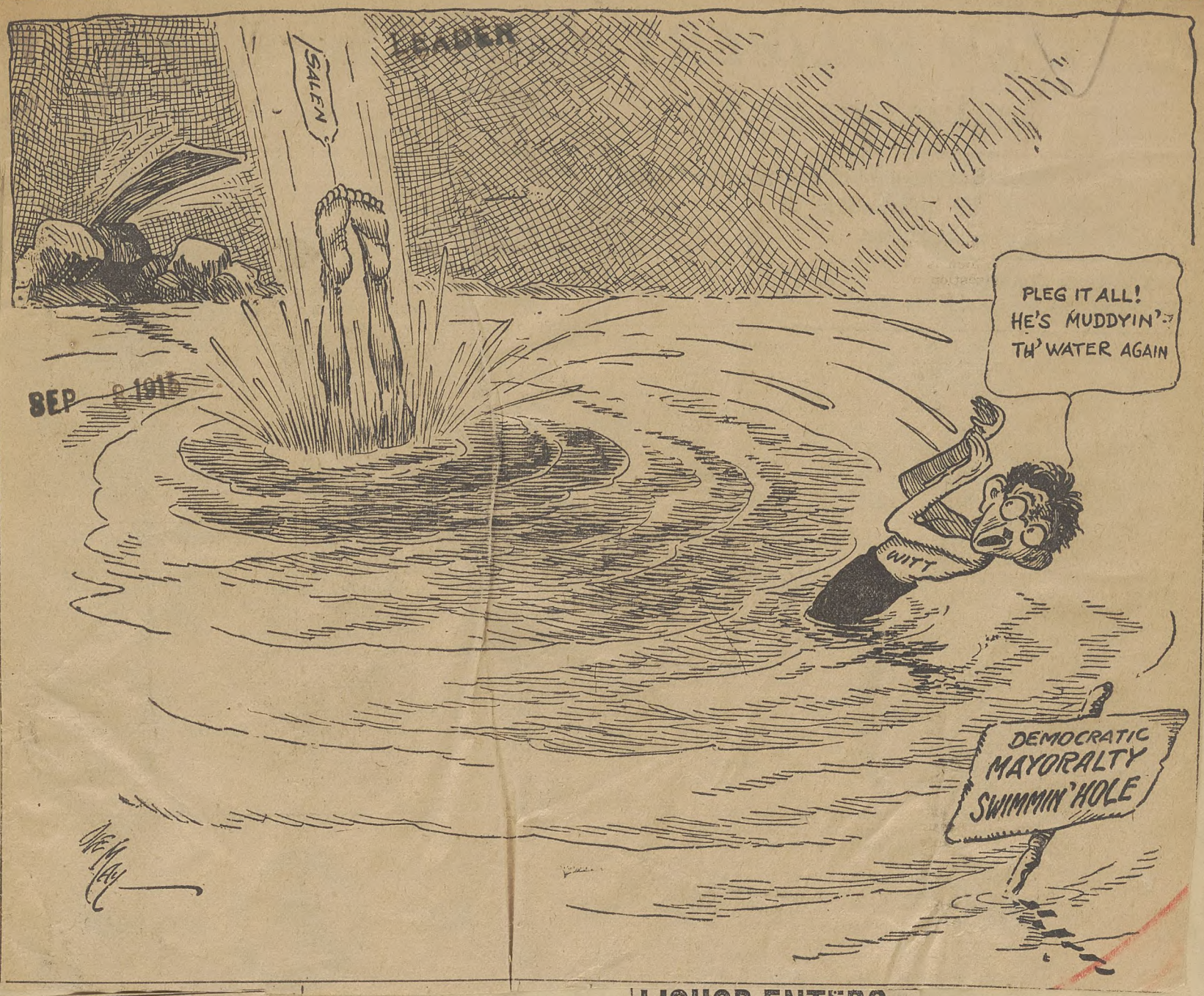
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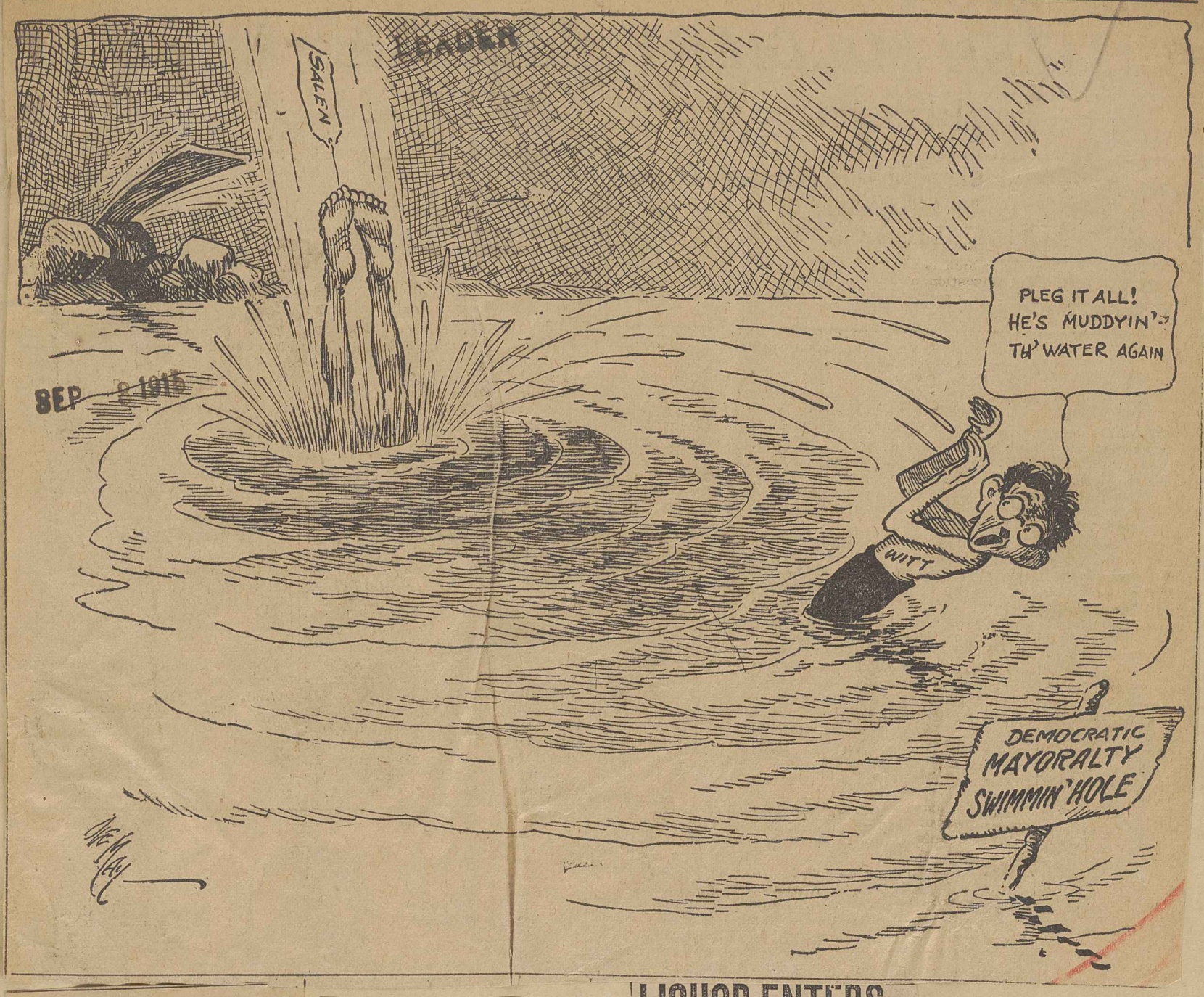
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Clerks of the board of election continued yesterday the investigation into the sufficiency and legality of the referendum petitions. In seeking to ascertain if the names on petitions were also on the list of registered voters the clerks in many instances failed to find that signers for a referendum were registered in the wards and precincts in which they were recorded on the petitions. It is possible, however, that they have changed their places of residence since they registered or that they are legal voters who failed to register last year.

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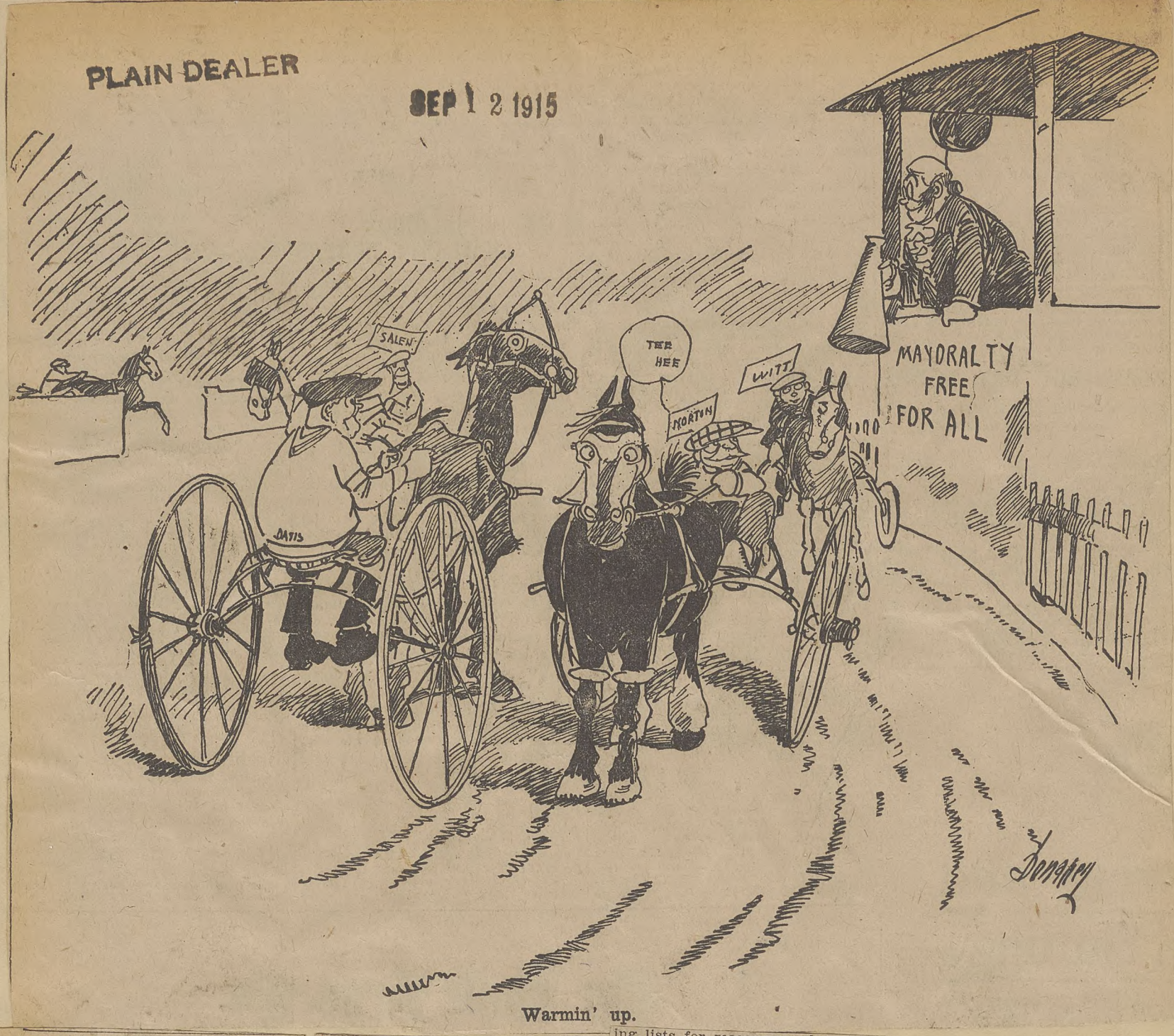
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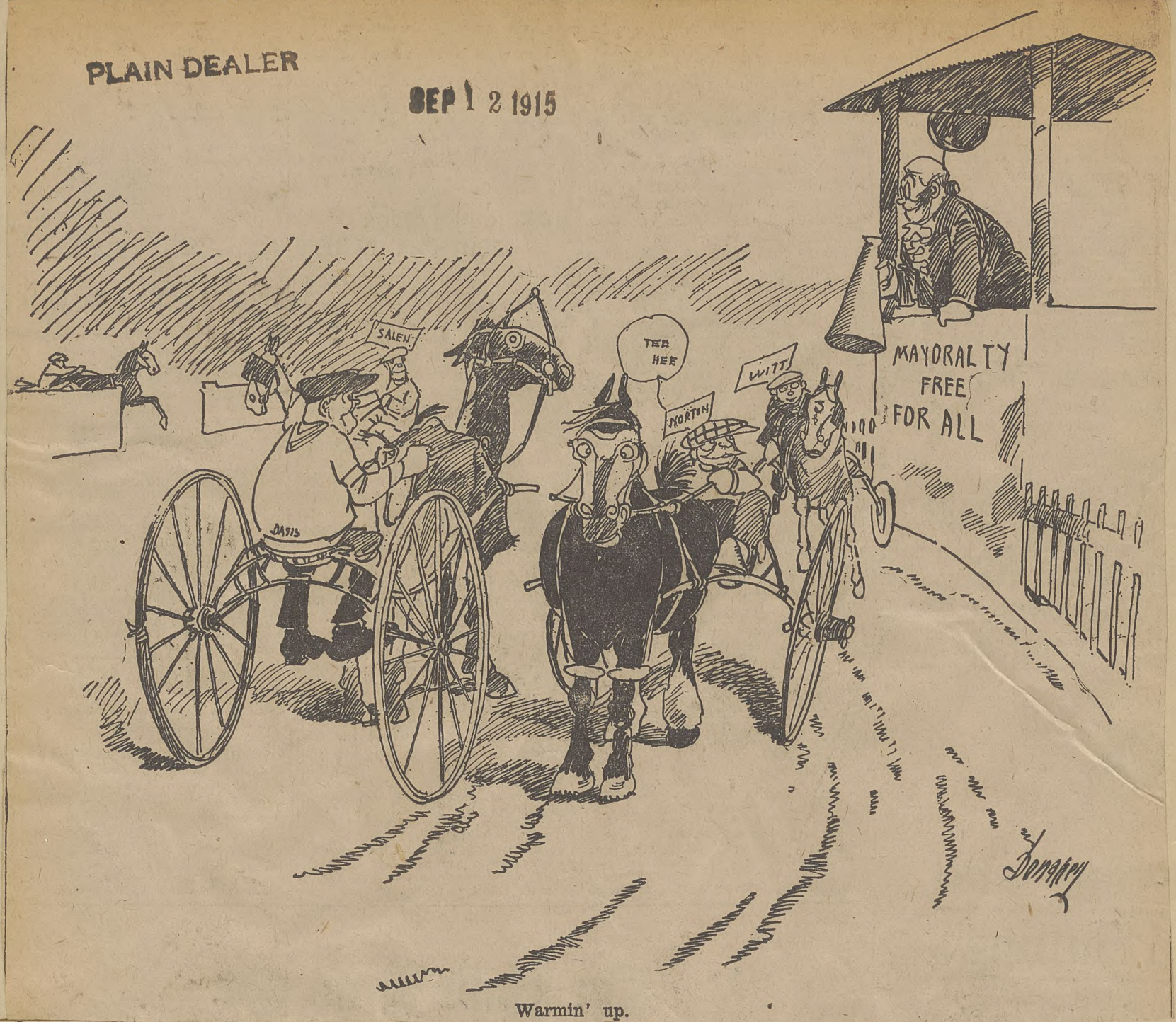
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Tentative plans for the Witt campaign which the committee will be asked to ratify call for its opening at a big organization meeting to be held in Acme hall on E. 9th st., about the middle of October. All the little cogs in the big local Democratic machine will be ordered to appear at this gathering of the "uplift group." Tent meetings, to be held for two weeks, will be started about a week after the Acme hall rally.

The committee will make no ward slates for councilmen and assessors next Tuesday, this work being deferred until after September 23, when nominating petitions of council candidates will have been filed. The machine has ordered a number of Democrats ambitious to serve in the council not to file petitions. It is desired to make no indorsements until the committee knows whether its wishes have been complied with.

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"When you get to the man whose name has exactly nine letters, put your cross there."

Hanna Thursday was at first inclined to scoff at the charge he had talked politics at the mass meeting arranged, he said, for instructing "whitewings" in their calling. Finally he admitted "some politics" was mentioned. "And who has a better right?" he finally demanded, hotly.

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But municipal light laborers, chiefly Italians, it was said Thursday, have been forced to aid the Witt cause financially. At their last pay day Lighting Commissioner Ballard's office timekeeper passed the word, it is said. Those who didn't add their mite then must when their October 1 pay comes.

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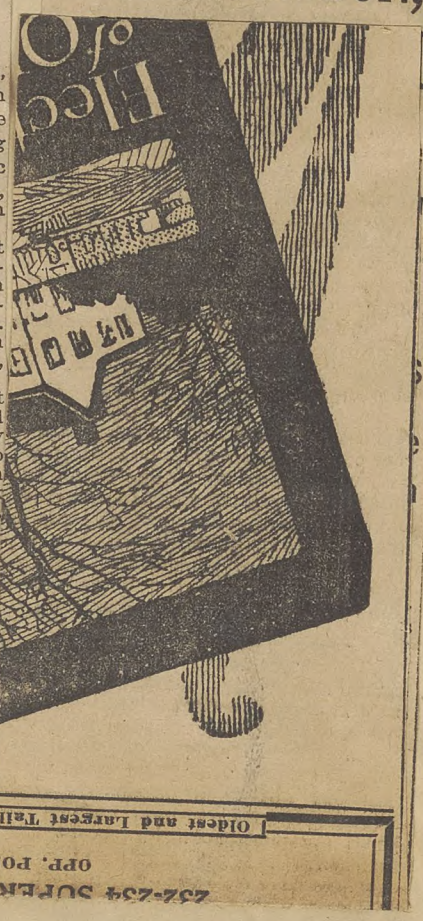
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The Democratic discophorous annelid (polite Webster for leech) has sunk its lips into purses other than those directly in city hall. City hospital, Warrensville and Hudson have painfully felt its suction, it became known Wednesday. An added development was the report that this same discophorous annelid carries a pack of Peter Witt buttons and has it in mind to force all Democrats to wear at least one.

Howell Wright, City hospital superintendent, admitted Wednesday that he already has made his little donation, and that at least twenty-five other hospital employees have kept him company. Superintendents Laird at Hudson and Mack and Reynolds at Warrensville have felt the pull from their purses, too. About seventy-five more hospital helpers come under the 1 per cent assessment, it was admitted, and either personally or through Wright will have their names inscribed on the honor roll.

They Take Receipts, Now.

"Certainly I have contributed, and more than 1 per cent," declared Wright Wednesday. "Nobody has to tell me when to 'come through.' About twenty-five employees here also have contributed, I understand. Some of the twenty-five took their money to headquarters and some gave it to me. I take anything anybody gives me, you know."

An accurate record of contributions is being kept at Democratic headquarters, and in some instances donors request and get receipts to head off the potential wrath of Witt.

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This was established yesterday when plans were being completed for organization ward meetings to be held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights preparatory to registration and the opening of the campaign.

Candidate Witt will not oppose the Cleveland & Youngstown grant, now that submission to a vote of the administration's union station ordinance gives the people an opportunity to pass on a station proposal. Nearly enough signatures have been obtained on petitions to assure a vote on the measure.

Mr. Witt served notice some time ago that if the railroads delayed union station negotiations until too late for action this election time, he would advocate defeat of the C. & Y. grant, which with the Barber subway franchise, will be submitted to referendum vote. He said yesterday, however, that with the union station project before the people he would not object to the Cleveland & Youngstown franchise.

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It is considered likely the organization, in wards where there are Democratic councilmanic entries besides those approved by the organization, will make an effort to narrow the field to one contender in each ward.

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New hand-bags 98c

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Women's gloves 19c

White chamois lisle, two-clasp style, formerly 25c a pair, but the sizes reduced to mostly 6 and 6½.

Toilet-soaps 2½c

Think of getting good reliable toilet-soap at 2½c a cake! That's your opportunity beginning Tuesday.

Armour's soaps, including such odors as lily-of-the-valley, lilac and autumn rose.

Special lot of smaller rugs

Bigelow Axminsters that are extremely serviceable—not a large assortment but all the patterns and colorings desirable—the prices considerably less than the same quality usually commands.

24 x 48 inches—$2.45.
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Witt's lieutenants justify the assessment by pointing to a ruling made by Law Director Stockwell a year ago, that there is nothing in the city charter to prevent a civil service employee contributing to a political campaign. Stockwell, however, was discussing voluntary contributions.

Fesler Says It's Illegal.

Mayo Fesler, secretary of the Civic League, maintains that the charter makes it very plain that any person who solicits such contributions from such ebployees is subject to arrest and fine. But city hall hasn't been in the habit of taking Fesler seriously—unless it had to.

Sidlo, in the process of heatedly denying that any city hall civil service or other employees have been asked by him to help the Witt fund, said that he knew contributions were being made by city hall to Democratic headquarters, 118 Engineers building.

"Employees are contributing to the Witt fund, it is known," said Sidlo, "but I am certain no demand has been made on them.

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William H. Kirby, secretary to Sidlo, said Monday he had added his share toward the 1 per cent collection.

"Democrats cannot depend on corporations for raising their campaign fund," Kirby said. "I feel perfectly free to give my bit to help the cause."

According to Sidlo it is permissible for noncivil service employees to seek contributions from those in the classified service. But for civil service employees to ask fellow civil service employees for donations is prohibited by the new charter. Neither is there any reason why city hall Democrats should not help their fellow Democrat, Witt, along, he maintained.

Witt Denies Threat.

"I know nothing at all about any campaign contributions," Witt said when asked what knowledge he had of the order. "I don't know anything about that end of the campaign except that in past years I've always made my little contribution."

Witt also flatly denied the statement attributed to him that he had demanded the names of city hall employees who had refused to contribute to his campaign fund and had stated he would fire those who did refuse to contribute, if he was elected mayor.

"The Democratic committee is handling the financial end of the campaign," Witt said. "That's all I know about it."

Waterworks employees, protected by civil service, revolted when the word was passed around by Schulz. It was said that all of them stood pat on their refusal when they received their pay envelopes last Tuesday.

When Witt learned of this it was said he hurried to city hall and held a conference with Service Director Sidlo, who is managing Witt's affairs. Then—

"Get me the names of those who have refused to contribute," Witt is reported as having said. "I'll fire every one of them when I take office, civil service or no civil service."

This order, passed along to the insurgents, was expected Monday to bring all of them to the head of their department next pay day with their contributions.

The tax of 1 per cent levied against all city employees earning more than two dollars a day will net Witt practically sufficient money to pay the expenses of his entire campaign. The money is being turned over by heads of departments to Service Director Sidlo and then in turn to Tom Brannon, secretary of the Democratic county committee.

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It was said Monday that Witt will pay practically none of his campaign expenses out of his own $7,500 a year salary as traction commissioner, but will force the underpaid employees who hold city jobs by virtue of civil service to carry the burden of the fight to make him mayor.

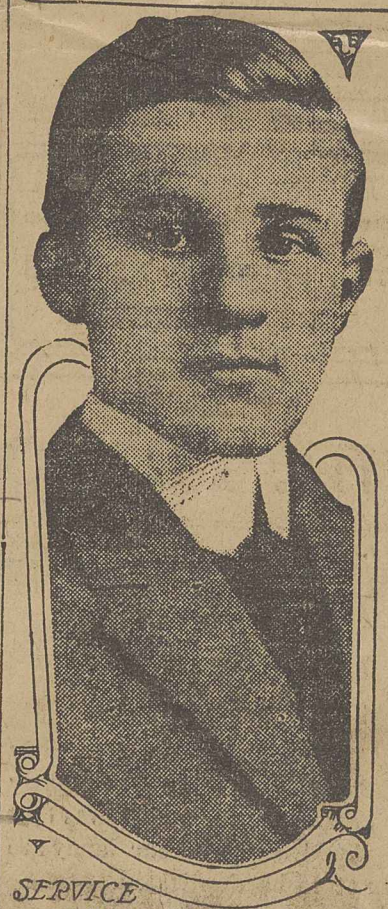
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WITT MEETINGS TO BE PLANNED TUESDAY NIGHT

Plans for the opening of the Democratic mayoralty campaign are to be made Tuesday at a meeting of the ward leaders and members of the county executive committee at Democratic headquarters. A schedule of Witt meetings will be mapped out.

The campaign is expected to be formally opened with a mass meeting at Acme hall, E. 9th st., early next week. The two big tents in which Witt will do most of his talking will be hauled out of storage early in October, Secretary Brannon of the committee said Monday.

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Workers who will carry forward the mayoralty campaign of Peter Witt will be given a cue by the organization's leadership to line up wet, and will be instructed particularly to support the Cleveland & Youngstown freight terminal and Barber subway franchises.

This was established yesterday when plans were being completed for organization ward meetings to be held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights preparatory to registration and the opening of the campaign.

Candidate Witt will not oppose the Cleveland & Youngstown grant, now that submission to a vote of the administration's union station ordinance gives the people an opportunity to pass on a station proposal. Nearly enough signatures have been obtained on petitions to assure a vote on the measure.

Mr. Witt served notice some time ago that if the railroads delayed union station negotiations until too late for action this election time, he would advocate defeat of the C. & Y. grant, which with the Barber subway franchise, will be submitted to referendum vote. He said yesterday, however, that with the union station project before the people he would not object to the Cleveland & Youngstown franchise.

The word to Democratic organization workers to stand against prohibition and strongly for the two franchises will be passed from within the organization in the meetings to be held the first of the week. The meetings were decided on as preliminaries of the campaign at a session of the Democratic county executive committee and ward leaders with ...didate Witt Tuesday.

In swinging against the dry proposal the Democratic organization is following the example set by Candidate Witt, who some time ago in a speech at Luna park declared himself openly wet.

The Democratic executive committee is to meet again either tomorrow afternoon or Saturday noon to go over lists of entries for council as recorded when the board of elections books close, and probably to select a preferred list of candidates for assessorships in the wards.

It is considered likely the organization, in wards where there are Democratic councilmanic entries besides those approved by the organization, will make an effort to narrow the field to one contender in each ward.

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At midnight today the board of elections will close its books for 1915. The names only of candidates who have filed petitions by that time will go on the November ballot.

This is the last filing day for candidates for mayor, council, municipal court judges and municipal court clerk in Cleveland, and for candidates for mayor and council in Lakewood. Both cities operate under charters which provide for filing forty days prior to election. Election day is forty days from today.

Among the candidates who filed yesterday was Charles P. Salen, running for mayor. Petitions bearing 6,000 names for Mr. Salen were submitted by Martin Koster of the Northern Ohio Plating Co.

Previous petition records were broken by Peter J. Henry, clerk of municipal court, who is seeking re-election. Petitions which J. Martin Thumm, deputy court clerk, who filed them, said bore 26,000 names were turned over to the board of elections. They contained 1,000 more names than the record petition filed a day or so ago by Assistant Police Prosecutor Samuel H. Silbert, candidate for ...nicipal court judge, four-year ...m.

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These candidates for municipal judge, four-year term, filed petitions yesterday: Berkeley Pearce, 4,763 signatures; Frank S. Day, police prosecutor, 8,000; John A. Thompson, 3,500.

These councilmen seeking re-election filed: William Stolte, ward 19; Clayton C. Townes, ward 6; John W. Reynolds, ward 10; W. J. Horrigan, ward 8; William L. Wagner, ward 17.

These councilmanic candidates filed: Edward C. Osterland, to receive the backing of the Democratic organization in ward 6; John D. Marshall, ward 19; Raymond F. Body, ward 2; David Armstrong, ward 25; William H. Hill, ward 6; Edgar F. Stallsmith, ward 26; Leonard Falarski, ward 14; Garnett A. Rankin, ward 15; John C. Compton, ward 22. Thomas J. Gallagher, ward 8; John S. De Priest, ward 17; Frank J. Faulhaber, ward 4; William J. Gibbons, ward 20; Mathew Gilles, ward 10.

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Mr. E. M. Statler told a funny story about Daniels that he said was true and added that he had seven babies—four children and three hotels.

Wilson G. Smith who had never visited the hotel before got lost in the crowd in the front lobby and the dinner was delayed twenty minutes while the search was made for him. He was finally discovered in the butler's pantry getting friendly with the head waiter. The members immediately suspected a plot to poison Witt's food in the event that Witt refused to appoint Smith director of music. However, Smith's timely discovery probably frightened him because he failed to ask the commissioner for the position.

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At a tent meeting at 6407 Woodland-av S. E., Mr. Witt said:

"If Harry Davis is elected and the bond issue to take up the deficiency notes is not passed, he will have to lay off half the police, firemen, street cleaners and garbage collectors in the city. I am for a continuation of the operation of the city in the present efficient way."

At the Marotta Athletic club, 1043 E. 79th-st, where the Democrats of the twenty-first and twenty-fourth wards gathered, athletic events were put on previous to Mr. Witt's speeches.

"I am not in favor of curtailing any of the people's pleasures," he said. "Of course, censorship is all right but where can you lay your hands on the censors of the movie pictures? What is powerful drama for one is the merest drivel for another individual."

Other meetings were held in Cozads hall, Euclid-av, near Lakeview-av N. E., nineteenth ward; 6930 Superior-av N. E., twenty-second ward; Ulman's hall, 1400 E. 55th-st; Lucille building, 1115 E. 138th-st, twenty-sixth ward.

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So 80,000 at White Auto-Luxus Game Didn't Say 'That's Charlie.'

Eighty thousand persons in Brookside park yesterday afternoon waited expectantly for the start of the game between the White Autos and the Luxus of Omaha.

And on the sideline at the diamond's edge Charles P. Salen, candidate for mayor and avowed father of Sunday baseball, waited with more expectancy than the rest, for his expectation was to pitch the first ball in full sight of the other 79,999.

The sun shone no more brightly than did the familiar smile of Mr. Salen. He was going to pitch the first ball. Forty thousand persons would say to 40,000 neighbors, "That's Salen, father of Sunday baseball. He's running for mayor." Also boys were waiting with 10,000 score cards bearing the inscription, "Vote for Salen for Mayor," to be distributed through the multitude. Mr. Salen smiled and smiled.

Shadow Dims Salen's Smile.

The players began taking their places. Mr. Salen was preparing to cross the diamond and pitch the first ball. Everything was ready—when the shadow of a portly form got between Mr. Salen and the sun, and by the same token a shadow began to dim the happy Salen smile.

Sport Director M. J. McGinty of the city administration cast both shadows. He had just been informed that Mr. Salen expected to toss the ball. His decision was quick and his action prompt.

"You can't go out there and throw that ball," said Mr. McGinty to Mr. Salen. Dimmer grew the Salen smile.

"Why not?" asked Mr. Salen.

"Because you can't play politics in the public parks," answered Mr. McGinty. The two eyed each other. Aside from the slight difference of opinion as to the pitching of the ball, Mr. Salen is an anti-administration Democrat, while Mr. McGinty is one of the administration Mr. Salen opposes.

Mr. Salen argued the case. He protested he had been invited by the Whites to toss that ball, and he wanted to toss it. The other side of the story told at the grounds was that Mr. Salen had asked the privilege of "Babe" Minnus, manager of the White Autos, and that he had consented. None of which made any difference to Mr. McGinty.

"Doesn't matter. You can't do it while I'm in charge here," he said to Mr. Salen. Further, he kept an eye on the situation until the umpire called "Play ball!" And it was not Mr. Salen who pitched the sphere at the umpire's word.

"I wouldn't let anyone come out here and play politics," Sport Director McGinty said later. "I don't care who the candidate is. He can't come out here and get votes. One of the candidates for judge wanted to put up a sign on the backstop. I nipped that in the bud, too. There'll be no politics in the public parks."

Mr. Salen stayed on the sidelines. He accomplished the purpose of the score cards with their suggestion to the voters, for the boys made the intended distribution. But that didn't make up for the unpitched ball.

The sun continued to shine throughout the afternoon, just as it did before the start of the game. But Mr. Salen's cheery smile had disappeared in a total eclipse.

CITY THROWS COIN AWAY, SAYS SALEN

LEADER

Candidate Urges Voters to Veto $1,500,000 Bond Issue.

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The action of the Baker administration in converting the old Fairmount ave. pumping station into a steam heating plant was pointed to by Charles P. Salen, candidate for mayor, last night, as an example of municipal waste. He spoke at a meeting in Hermit's hall, 15002 St. Clair ave.

Salen declared he could show that the city had literally thrown money away on the steam plant which was designed to produce heat for East Side residents.

"It cost Cleveland taxpayers about $28,000 to make up the deficit caused by the foolish scheme of turning the old Fairmount station into a steam heating plant," he said. "A few citizens on the East Side benefited by the idea but the rest of the taxpayers paid the bill.

"There's hundreds of dollars being wasted every day because more steam comes out through leaky pipes than goes into homes."

Salen argued strongly against voting for the proposed bond issue of $1,500,000 to cover the deficit in city operating expenses during the present administration.

"I believe we better have a thorough auditing of city hall books before we decide on such a plan," he said. "I believe if a thorough accounting was made we would find more than $1,500,000 is needed.

"There hasn't been an auditing of the books of the city water department in more than two years. There must be something wrong or things would be different."

Clarence C. Jones, candidate for municipal judge, and Virgil Marani, former building commissioner under Mayor Baehr, also spoke.

CITY CLUB HAS PARODY ON LOCAL CAMPAIGN

LEADER

Members of the City Club impersonated mayoralty candidates last night at the annual meeting of the organization in discussing the question, "Why I Should Be Elected Mayor." Campaign arguments were parodied.

Four new directors were elected and the entire directorate chose new officers. The new directors are Lamar T. Beman, Carl D. Friebolin, A. R. Hatton and W. M. Pattison. Professor Hatton was chosen as president, George W. York vice president, and George A. Welch treasurer.

It was announced that Mayo Fesler, secretary, had resigned because of the press of his work with the Civic League. Plans for a new location for the club were also discussed. The meeting last night was held at 244 Superior ave.

WILLING READS FARQUHARSON OUT OF MOOSE

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Another blast of dynamite was set under the ruins of the Cuyahoga county Progressive party Friday when R. E. Willing, former tax expert under Charles P. Salen, anti-Democratic administration candidate for mayor, challenged the right of Guy O. Farquharson, Progressive leader, to continue as county chairman of the party.

Willing is busy organizing Progressives in all parts of the city to support Salen.

In an open letter Friday Willing declares that one of the big fights made by the Progressive party has been for nonpartisan elections and declares that three months ago Farquharson was reported to have left the Progressives and returned to the Republican ranks. "And," says Willing's letter, "this never was denied by Farquharson."

Farquharson Thursday declared that in pledging Progressive support to Salen Willing was acting without authority of the party leaders.

Salen Has 'Em Scared.

Organization Democrats Friday were busy hunting for weak spots in the Salen mayoralty platform announced Thursday night. If they find any they will order an attack by organization "missionaries" now working in every ward. It was admitted that the Salen platform was a vote-getting statement which would cut deeply into the regular Democratic vote because it is not cluttered up with defenses of administration blunders.

Salen pledges a more liberal regulation of saloons based upon Cleveland's cosmopolitan complexion, and to remove the saloon from the dictates of a "political ring"; to give boxing a fair trial under commission supervision and to adequately control the vice problem and prevent its spread into residence districts.

Salen answered the attacks of Democratic organization speakers who have called him a "traitor to Tom L. Johnson." Salen declared he was the one man of the old Johnson regime who stuck by Mayor Tom in his reverses, and classed those who now are claiming direct descent as the real traitors.

"If it had not been for the vipers who showed their fangs after Tom L. Johnson had warmed them to his breast he still would be with us," said Salen. "It was the treachery and trickery of the very men who now call me traitor that drove Tom Johnson to an early grave."

In a speech at Osterland hall, Professor st. and Starkweather ave., Harry L. Davis, one of the Republican candidates, also declared in favor of a boxing commission.

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"Fighting Bob" Asked by Organization to Speak for Tractioner in Campaign.

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Robert J. Bulkley, chairman of the executive committee, was the organization candidate opposing Crosser.

Martin Thumm, chairman of the organization's speakers' committee, announced Saturday he's to send Crosser a "stump invitation" Monday.

Crosser Will Accept.

Crosser said he will accept the committee's invitation.

"I'm for Peter Witt because we stand for the same things, and I'm going to do my best to help elect him mayor," said Crosser.

Bulkley said: "We're electing a mayor, not a congressman, this fall."

Witt said Saturday he had always expected that Crosser would campaign for him. At the same time, Witt said he will pay no attention to the statement made Friday night by Harry L. Davis that "Witt sold his principles for a job under Johnson."

"I will not dignify such a statement by a denial," said Witt.

Davis said he was willing to have 10 men taek a poll and decide whether he or Miner G. Norton should withdraw. Norton declined the challenge, saying the poll would not be practical.

City club members Friday night laughed till their sides ached when "Witt, Davis, Miner Norton and Charles Salen," impersonated by Dick Fitzgerald, Ed Doty, Carl Schuler and E. C. Shaw, talked politics to 'em.

The socialist labor party will hold two public meetings Sunday. At 3 p. m. Richard Koeppel, candidate for mayor, will speak at S. L. P. hall, 2209 Ontario-st. At 1 p. m. Caleb Harrison, national organizer, will speak in the Public square.

Even City's Aristocratic Cows Are Being Put Through Paces to Do Their Bit in Boosting Witt

NEWS

The "good old days" for Warrensville's aristocratic Holsteins are no more. Cool, green pastures are forgone. Refreshing naps under fruit-laden apple trees, invigorating walks and romps around the farm, are but memories. In strict cow

world's milk record, they are turned loose and five more sisters led to the milk slaughter.

Why all this, a month before election? A desperate search for a second Clara for Candidate Witt and Chief Spieler Baker? Mercy, no! in-

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The total contributions reached the $9,000 mark at Saturday's noon meeting of workers at the Hollenden. The lower sales are expected to swell his several hundred dollars.

If you cough and sneeze, it may take longer.

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Peter Witt declared he would make no reply to his denial until the general meeting in Acme hall Tuesday night.

"Then," Mr. Witt said, "I shall have something to say. I brought his record up to 1914. I shall bring it up to date at the meeting; until then, nothing."

W. B. Gongwer, collector of customs and former Mayor Johnson's secretary, declared the incidents of 1908 proved the treachery of Mr. Salen.

"Mayor Johnson was a candidate for committeeman from Ohio at the Denver convention," Mr. Gongwer said. "Everything looked pretty good until Salen took hold of the campaign in the state. We went on a special train to Denver and were delayed by wash-outs. When we got there Mayor Johnson was defeated for state committeeman and Salen's friend, Harvey Garber was elected."

This charge as well as that Mr. Salen supported Herman Baehr for mayor against Tom Johnson, with the suggestion that an affidavit would be produced by Peter Henry, candidate for re-election as clerk of the municipal court, were freely circulated.

That former Mayor Johnson said to Mr. Salen when he was running for clerk of the courts for the third time, "Charley, I will support you for clerk again but I know you will not support me for mayor again," is another charge hurled at Mr. Salen by the supporters of Mr. Witt.

Mr. Salen met these charges with denials.

"I do not believe Peter Henry will dare stand back of the affidavit which I have never seen, in which he charges I supported Herman Baehr for mayor," said Mr. Salen. "I have proof that I never said such a thing and the argument which Mr. Baehr and myself had in the court house while I was still county clerk, when he urged me to support him because he was a West Sider, is proof of my position.

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Arraigning the present administration for alleged extravagance, Mr. Davis promised reforms along the matters of expenditures.

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Not over 10 per cent of such bonds are now on the duplicate.

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In the event of unfavorable weather the evening meeting will be held at party headquarters. Richard Koeppel, candidate for mayor, will speak in the afternoon and Caleb Harrison, national organizer of the party, in the evening.

Pomerene Here.

United States Senator Atlee Pomerene was in Cleveland yesterday, coming here from Canton and going later to Akron to deliver an address.

The senator called at the Federal building, where he talked with several officers who owe their appointment to him. It was said at the district attorney's office his visit was without political significance.

THEY SAY "IT WILL ALL COME OUT IN THE WASH."



DEMOCRAT BEER WILL BACK UP WITT'S 'I'M WET'

OCT 4 1915

Tractioner Witt's simple declaration that he is "wet" isn't going to satisfy Democratic organization leaders, and to offset positive stands taken by other candidates on the wet and dry question ward leaders have been instructed to circulate quietly among the voters and let everybody know that Witt, if elected mayor, will be as liberal as possible.

To make the liberal plea more effective it has been arranged to serve untold quantities of beer at every Democratic ward meeting. This was the rule in the campaign to get out registration and will be carried through the present campaign. Speakers have been warned not to take any stand publicly on "liberal issues" because of the embarrassment it would cause Mayor Baker.

But, after the meetings, when the faithful gather around the temporary bars the word will be passed that "everything will be all right if Pete's elected."

NORTONITES INTEND TO GET DRY VOTES

PLAIN DEALER

Prepare to Capitalize Fact That Other Candidates Seek Wet Ballots.

Salen Executives Organize, to Open Headquarters Monday.

OCT 3 1915

Miner G. Norton campaigners intend to profit if they can by the liberal notes struck in the campaigns of three of the other mayoralty candidates. They hope to garner votes from the cohorts of the drys.

Peter Witt is avowedly wet, and promises if elected to view a boxing bout to determine whether boxing should be permitted. Harry L. Davis is known as a liberal and has pledged, if elected, to appoint a boxing commission. Charles P. Salen has a platform which protests against what the candidate considers interfering regulation, contains an open and shut statement that Mr. Salen believes the tendencies of the people are liberal and that he would recognize them as such, and which proposes a boxing commission.

In this situation Norton supporters think they see an opportunity to bid for the backing of the dry, and, as they term it, conservative elements of the electorate.

There is no indication that Mr. Norton will come out as a dry, or that he will change his position from that raised at Luna park some weeks ago, when he said state regulation of the saloon makes the issue a state question, and that a candidate for mayor as he saw it could only say he would enforce the law.

There are plenty of indications, however, that the followers of Mr. Norton will talk Norton to dry voters.

"If the drys know what they are doing, they'll vote for Norton," said a chief Norton adviser yesterday, and the remark is typical of the word being circulated by the Norton campaigners.

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Charles P. Salen's executive committee held its first session yesterday afternoon in Mr. Salen's office, 305 Cuyahoga building.

The committee organized with John P. Smith as chairman, Virgil G. Marani, building inspector under former Mayor Herman Baehr, as vice chairman; Arthur W. Stockman, secretary, and Robert C. Mitchell, treasurer.

Salen headquarters are to be opened downtown tomorrow. The exact location had not been determined yesterday afternoon, and a subcommittee was instructed to get busy.

The executive committee named this speakers' committee for the Salen campaign: W. A. Kelly, chairman; Clarence L. Jones, M. W. Beacom, Edward F. Spurney, Edmund G. Vail, Charles O'Malia, Martin Koster, Frank J. Farasey, W. J. Whitehead and Dr. Arthur Winter.

This week will be occupied by the Salen following in completing ward organizations. The speaking campaign proper will not be launched probably until next week.

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New alignments and changes within the Republican party arising with the confusion of this year's mayoralty situation on the Republican side will not cause Cornelius Maloney, member of the Republican county executive committee, to seek a larger share in party control, according to statements by Mr. Maloney himself.

In declining to join the Harry L. Davis' campaign and in urging withdrawal of the two announced Republican candidates for mayor, Mr. Maloney, hitherto a Maschke man, has stood apart from the path in which Maurice Maschke is leading his following, and reports were circulated that Mr. Maloney might aspire to leadership.

"The opportunity for unity and a great Republican campaign in Cleveland has been rejected by opposing candidates," said Mr. Maloney in answer to the reports.

"I cannot allow others to define my position for me. Contrary to duties which are clear and principles which are simple, I have no aim, no ambition, and therefore fear little.

"I can see nothing in these things that Maurice Maschke, who has many lovable traits, would feel called upon to fight. I have fought all my life, but I don't want another man's shoes. I prefer my own."

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The Brooklyn Republican club and the Brooklyn Hart club will hold a joint meeting at their hall, 4149 Pearl-rd S. W., Tuesday night. Important business is to be transacted.

SALEN PROMISES HE'LL RATTLE A FEW OLD BONES

NEWS

Says He'll Skin Witt By Quoting From Witt's Famous Attack on Johnson.

OCT 4 1915

Charles P. Salen, whom Peter Witt has promised to "take the hide off" at the Democratic campaign opener at Acme hall Tuesday night, says he is going to do a little skinning himself with Witt as the subject.

Salen's skinning knife will be the use of Witt's spoken and printed utterances concerning Tom Johnson back in 1898 and 1899, before Johnson was elected mayor, when Witt classed Johnson as one of "the criminal rich," called him a tax dodger and, by innuendo, a fraud.

Witt thought so well of his attack on Johnson, made in a speech February 28, 1898, that he had it printed in pamphlet form in 1899 and spread it broadcast. Democratic organization men have tried to buy in the whole edition, but a few copies still are out. One of these will be used as a campaign document by Salen.

Witt's book bearing a photograph of himself under which is his signature, is called "Social Contrasts of Cleveland's Millionaires and Paupers." It is dedicated "To all who have labored in season and out to right the existing order of social inequality, to expose official corruption

WITT WILL TALK TO DEMOCRATIC MACHINE

OCT 5 1915

NEWS

The biggest of the Democratic organization meetings to be held so far in this campaign is set for Tuesday night at Acme hall, 2416 E. 9th st. Former Congressman Bulkley, chairman of the Democratic executive committee, will preside. Mayor Baker and Tractioner Witt, organization candidate for mayor, will be the speakers.

Thursday night, at a meeting of the Alley Club, E. 3d st. near Euclid ave., Harry L. Davis, one of the Republican candidates for mayor, will formally open his campaign. Saturday night the Democratic tent will be pitched at W. 28th st. and Franklin ave., in Witt's "boyhood district," for the first big campaign rally.

WITT READY TO 'TAKE HIDE OFF' OPPONENTS

OCT 5 1915

PRESS

Peter Witt said Tuesday that after he "takes the hide" off Charlie Salen at Tuesday night's democratic barbecue, he's "going to tack it up and let it dry."

Then, when he debates Miner Norton next Monday night, Witt said, he's going to "take the hides" off both Norton and Harry Davis and "tack 'em up with Salen's and let 'em dry."

While the skins are drying, Witt says, he'll confine his work to the real issues of the campaign.

Others to Take Hand.

On the other hand, Salen, Norton and Davis indicated Tuesday they're going to prolong the task of flaying Witt.

All four taxidermists say they'll use sharp words, and that they'll cut deep enough to expose to voters all the bones in political skeletons.

Acme hall, 2416 E. Ninth-st, is to be the scene of the Witt skinning bee. Doors open at 7 o'clock Tuesday night.

"I'm going to charge Salen has double-crossed on his tracks in every political field," said Witt Tuesday. "I'm going to trace his career from start to finish."

Robert J. Bulkley, chairman of the democratic executive committee, will preside. He, Witt and Mayor Baker are to speak.

Salen has opened headquarters at 322 Superior-av. Davis' committee is to meet Thursday night at the Alley club, and Davis is then to make public his "pledges."

EVEN CORPORATIONS ARE SOLICITED FOR CAMPAIGN FUNDS

NEWS

An indication that Peter Witt doesn't care who pays—so long as they pay—came Wednesday when it developed that a number of big public service corporations had been solicited for campaign contributions.

Five hundred letters to business houses and corporations were issued by Robert J. Bulkley, chairman of the Democratic executive committee.

Letters received from those solicited Wednesday included a good-sized check from a big firm of corporation lawyers more or less regularly engaged in municipal litigation. Secretary Brannon wouldn't say who they were.

Witt's campaign will open Tuesday, October 5, with a mass meeting at Acme hall, E. 9th st. Democratic ward leaders Wednesday instructed voters to vote for Witt for first and second choice, in spite of Witt's having told ward leaders and executive committee members Tuesday he wanted the faithful to vote for him for first choice only.

BET $100 TO $80 WITT WILL WIN

PRESS

OCT 5 1915

Peter Witt, mayoralty candidate, had the call Monday in the betting at $100 to $80 that he will win over Harry L. Davis, Miner G. Norton, Charles P. Salen, C. E. Ruthenberg.

Even money was offered Monday that 85,000 first choice votes will be cast at the election. Here's the way the betting lined up on T. W. Raleigh's board:

$50 that Witt will not receive 40,000 first choice votes;

$50 even that Davis will not receive 36,000 first choice votes;

$100 even that Salen will receive 10,000 first choice voes;

$50 even that Davis will receive more second choice votes than Witt.

Bruin Brought to Bay
OR
JACTA EST ALEA
(Uncensored.)

A Sweet-Singing Movie in Three Reels.



First, I'll sharpen my knife like a razor blade,
Goin' to be trouble, now, I'm afraid.
For I'm on the warpath, there's no doubt,
And I'm goin' for that bear and I'll smoke him out.



Hi, diddle, dee, I see him there,
I'll take his scalp and he'll have no hair,
And I'll hustle along now, fast as I can,
For I'm goin' to skin that Salen man.



All join the chorus and we'll sing some more,
I've got his hide and I'll nail it on the door,
And we'll hang this hide here and let it tan,
For I've done skun that Salen man.

WITT TO GIVE HIS PLATFORM HERE TONIGHT

Democratic Machine to Rally at Acme Hall as Other Candidates Sit Tight for Result.

OCT 5 1915 LEADER

Political Meetings Tonight

DEMOCRATIC.

Democratic organization rally to open Peter Witt's campaign, Acme hall, 2424 E. 9th st.; speakers, R. J. Bulkley, Newton D. Baker, Peter Witt.

SOCIALIST.

Irene ave. and W. 45th st.; speaker, John G. Willert.

BY JOHN T. BOURKE.

All the noise in Cleveland's mayoralty campaign to be made tonight will be at the rally of the Democratic machine in Acme hall, 2416 E. 9th st.

Robert J. Bulkley, chairman of the Democratic executive committee, will preside, while Mayor Newton D. Baker will perform the graceful act of throwing his official mantle upon the shoulders of Peter Witt, who is to be the last speaker of the evening.

Whatever Witt has up his sleeve in the way of a platform is to be promulgated and he has announced he will "take the hide off" Charles P. Salen, the other Democratic mayoralty candidate.

He has also promised the workers to load them with ammunition to be carried by them into the trenches for the fight in the wards.

Four days' rest is to be given the Witt talking brigade in order to ascertain the effect of the Acme hall explosions upon the public mind before the second charge of the general campaign is to be made Saturday night from a tent on the West Side.

In the interim, however, between the Acme hall demonstration and the opening tent meeting Witt and Baker will go into the twelfth ward Wednesday night to start the campaign there in Royal hall, 5217 Woodland ave. They will take with them Thomas Fleming, secretary to Welfare Director Cooley, who is billed to make the "tear speeches" at the hall meetings of the Democratic organization. At Democratic headquarters it is said of Fleming that "he is pretty smooth at making the cheeks of his audience wet."

At 11 a. m. on Wednesday Assistant City Solicitor Hostetter is to be sent to the Western Reserve Law school to sing the praises of Witt to the Student Democratic Club. Witt is to speak for himself before the students on October 20.

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Off Night for Others.

This is to be an off night for other mayoralty candidates than Witt, in so far as scheduled public meetings go, though some of them will attend private vote seeking gatherings.

Miner G. Norton and Harry L. Davis, rival Republican candidates, are arranging for their speaking campaigns which will not be started till the fire of both Democratic candidates has been drawn. Neither has arranged for political meetings for today or tomorrow. Thursday night Davis will open his campaign and promulgate his platform at a meeting of his campaign committee in the Alley Club on E. 3d st., near Euclid ave. The same night Norton will address a Republican meeting in the Fifth ward.

Charles P. Salen, Democrat, expects to hold public meetings the latter part of the week, and tonight will attend a number of organization conferences in homes of adherents.

The executive committee in charge of Salen's campaign yesterday leased headquarters at 322 and 324 W. Superior ave. The headquarters will be opened Wednesday. Meanwhile Salen and his committee will devote their entire attention to the building of ward and precinct organizations.

Salen Bowls.

Salen last night before attending several private organization meetings in East End homes, opened the season for the Dantz Bowling League at 6837 Central ave., rolling the first ball.

Salen organization meetings were held on the West Side in McNess hall, on Madison ave. near W. 65th st., in the Harmon club rooms, Lorain and W. 47th st., and in West Side turn hall. The candidate, however, was not present.

The subcommittee on speakers of the Salen executive committee met late yesterday at 305 Cuyahoga building, but deferred making announcement of who would stump in the Salen cause until those selected are conferred with.

Neither C. E. Ruthenberg, Socialist, nor Richard Koeppel, Socialist-Labor candidate, is billed for speeches today. Ruthenberg will speak Wednesday at Broadway and E. 55th st., and Thursday at Woodland ave. and E. 40th st.

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The Fifth Ward Republican Club will hold its regular meetings during the political campaign Thursday evenings and its social sessions on Sundays. Next Thursday the speakers will be Miner G. Norton and William J. Delaney, candidate for councilman.

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Gordon W. Ruthenberg, candidate for councilman from the Twentieth ward, will address the members of the Euclid-Doan Business Men's Association at 1 p. m. Thursday at a luncheon in the Alhambra restaurant, 10230 Euclid ave.

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Miss Lauretta Bean, 1362 E. 92d st., yesterday received her commission as district deputy in the department of workshops, factories and public buildings. She succeeds Miss Bessie Corwin, who has been promoted to the position formerly held by Mrs. Rose Uniack.

DRYS MAY RAID WITT FREE BEER MEETINGS

NEWS OCT 5 1915

Raids on Democratic mass meetings in dry territory where free beer is being served by the Democratic organization to all who come to hear Peter Witt, mayoralty candidate, and other machine spellbinders, were threatened Tuesday by Rev. John S. Rutledge, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League. Efforts were to be made to bring state liquor license department detectives to Cleveland to raid the nightly meetings where, Rutledge claims, free liquor flows as freely as the oratory of Witt.

Violations of the law which prohibits the distributing of free liquor in dry territory have been committed at a number of meetings held by the Democratic organization, Rutledge said.

SALEN LEAGUE OPENS DOWNTOWN QUARTERS

NEWS OCT 5 1915

Headquarters of the Charles P. Salen Nonpartisan League, managing Salen's campaign for mayor, were opened Tuesday at 322 Superior ave., second floor. Salen committees are working in every ward in the city, completing the league's organization.

WITT FIRES FIRST RALLY GUN TONIGHT

Starts Mayoralty Battle by Democratic Meeting in Acme Hall.

OCT 5 1915 PLAIN DEALER

Davis Starts Campaign This Week; Salen and Norton Organize.

MEETINGS TONIGHT

Witt.

DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION MASS MEETING, Acme hall, 2416 E. 9th-st. Speakers, Peter Witt and Mayor Newton D. Baker.

Socialist.

IRENE-AV S. W. AND W. 45TH-ST. Speaker, John G. Willert.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Peter Witt, administration candidate for mayor, will sound the opening note of his campaign tonight at a mass meeting and rally of the Democratic organization in Acme hall, 2416 E. 9th-st.

It was from the platform in Acme hall, which has housed many a Democratic gathering, that the street railway commissioner immediately after his indorsement by the Democratic county executive committee took over in a body the precinct workers of the organization. Tonight is the first time "the boys" have assembled since.

While the formal launching of the Witt campaign is set for Saturday night, when the Democratic tent will be taken out of storage, the organization backers of the candidate look upon tonight's meeting as the real start of the fight.

This week also will see the inauguration of the Harry L. Davis campaign, it was announced yesterday at Davis headquarters. The general Davis committee is to convene Thursday evening in the Alley club. Mr. Davis will make his "pledge to the public" and the chairmanship of the Davis executive committee will be announced.

Miner G. Norton has not announced his campaign details. Charles P. Salen is spending this week in organization work.

Last night Mr. Salen was continuing his campaign of under cover organization, attending several secret meetings on the East Side which the candidate said were largely Republican gatherings.

Salen headquarters were selected yesterday afternoon. They will be the entire second floor of a building at 322 Superior-av N. W. The quarters will be partially ready for occupancy today.

Election day is four weeks from today. A whirlwind month remains. The mayoralty candidates are on their marks, and with the Witt meeting tonight, they're off, all six. Beginning next Monday it will be a fight and day go for three weeks.

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The poll among Cleveland lawyers being taken by the Cleveland Bar association as to the qualifications of candidates for places on the municipal court bench is to be completed and counted tomorrow night. The results are to be announced Thursday.

The association expects to wage a vigorous campaaign for the seven who are indorsed. There are to be elected chief justice for six years, three judges for six years and three for four-year terms.

Early responses indicate the poll will be unusually heavy.

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The Fifth Ward Republican club has changed its meeting night to Thursday. Candidate for Mayor Norton is to be a speaker. W. J. Delaney, candidate for council in Ward 5, will share the platform with Mr. Norton.

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Gordon W. Ruthenberg, candidate for council in Ward 20, is to speak before the Euclid-Doan Business Men's association at 1 p. m. Thursday at the Alhambra restaurant, 10330 Euclid-av, on "Conditions in the Twentieth Ward."

Dry Chief Opens Fire on Liberal Statement.

Leaders in the dry campaign yesterday opened fire on the liberals following a statement issued by the Cuyahoga County Home Rule association in announcing the campaign advisory committee that will direct the anti-prohibition fight this fall.

John A. Chamberlain, chairman of the dry advisory committee, in a statement said "the wets' claim that the license law had been in successful operation for three years" reminded him "of the complaint Albert Eisele, head of the County Liquor Dealers' association, made last winter to Prosecutor Poulson and Gov. Willis, in which he is reported to have said more than 1,500 speakeasies are operating openly in this city."

David E. Green, heading the organization work of the drys, asserted "an examination of the business connections of the persons announced on the wet advisory committee will explain their interest 'alike in the moral and financial welfare of the county and state.'"

"It would be interesting to know," said the statement issued in Mr. Green's name, "why thirty-two members of last year's advisory committee of the wets have been dropped, including the business agent of the cigar makers' union, the business agent of the building trades council, organizer of the metal polishers' union and secretary of the cooks' union. Either those officials of labor unions do not want to be affiliated with the wets or the wets have lost their alleged interest in these particular unions."

Chairman David W. Teachout of the dry committee said "the 'overwhelming defeat' and the 'emphatic verdict' claimed by the wets in last year's election entirely disappear when you look at the figures shown on the election returns.

"Seventy counties out of eighty-eight gave majorities for state prohibition. Thirty wet counties voted dry. Outside Hamilton and Cuyahoga counties, Ohio gave a majority of 36,254 for prohibition. Out of a total vote of 1,092,506, state wide prohibition received 504,177."

Drys are preparing for the lecture of Congressman Richmond Pearson Hobson, to be delivered Thursday evening at the Chamber of Commerce.

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The Fourth Ward Harmon club last night at a meeting in its headquarters, Lorain-av and W. 47th-st, heard talks by William V. Backus, candidate for chief justice of municipal court; Fred P. Walther, candidate for municipal judge, four-year term, and F. J. Faulhaber and Jacob Dahler, candidate for council.

DAVIS OPENS CAMPAIGN; OTHER CANDIDATES BUSY

Harry L. Davis Thursday expected to make known his mayoralty platform at the official opening of his campaign Thursday night at the Alley club, on E. Third-st near Euclid-av.

Peter Witt, Charles P. Salen, Miner G. Norton and Davis all have promised to attend the builders exchange noon meeting next Monday and to make brief statements of their position on mayoralty issues.

Salen supporters Thursday were draping headquarters at 322 Superior-av NW with signs reading, "Salen Nonpartisan League."

DEMOCRATS ARE SPLIT OVER LAW TO REDISTRICT

Ohio Congressmen Not Unit on Question of Gerrymander as Proposed by Republicans.

LEADER
OCT 5 1915

Leader Bureau, 304 Harrison Bldg.

COLUMBUS, Oct. 4.—A split among the Democratic members of Congress from Ohio over the Sprague congressional redistricting law was revealed today at a meeting of the Democratic state central committee called to plan a campaign against this measure which is to be submitted to a referendum vote of the people at the coming election.

Although all of the nine Democratic congressmen were specially invited to attend the meeting only five of them appeared and Congressman A. W. Overmyer, of Fremont, made the open charge before the meeting that one of the absentees is actively opposing the referendum campaign and supporting the new law.

Hints at Ashbrook.

He mentioned no name, but it was generally understood that he referred to Congressman W. A. Ashbrook, of Johnstown, representing the seventeenth district. It was rumored that one or two of the other three are indifferent as to the defeat of the Sprague law.

The meeting adopted a report drafted by former Attorney General Hogan, Congressman Warren Gard, of Hamilton, and State Executive Chairman William L. Finley, condemning the Sprague law as unfair to the Democrats and demanding its rejection at the polls as an indorsement of President Wilson.

Former Governor James C. Campbell, Hogan and Congressmen Allen, of Cincinnati; Gordon, of Cleveland; Key, of Marion, and Overmyer, denounced the new act in speeches.

Hits License Measure.

A report was also adopted calling upon Ohio voters to vote against the McDermott license decentralizing law which likewise is to be submitted to a referendum vote. The present Greenlund license law with its centralized system was declared effective.

Hogan and Executive Chairman Finley asserted that the McDermott law had been abandoned by the Republican organization since no indorsement was given it at the Republican meeting last week which planned a canpaign in defense of the Sprague lav.

David J. Zinner, member of the Democratic state central committee, with Congressman Gordon, represented the Cleveland Democracy.

SALEN CALLS WITT ORAL ATTACK 'SILLY'

Says No One Takes His Opponent's Campaign Address Seriously.

All Mayoralty Candidates Clear Decks for Next Week's Rallies.

TONIGHT'S MEETINGS.

Davis.

Campaign opening, meeting of general Davis committee, Alley club, E. 3d-st. Speakers, Harry L. Davis, W. S. FitzGerald, Alex Bernstein, Lamar T. Beman and Pierre A. White.

PLAIN DEALER

Salen.

Mass meeting, amateur sport lovers, 8 p. m., at Salen headquarters, 322 Superior-av N. W.

Socialist.

Lorain-av and W. 97th-st. Speaker, John G. Willert.

Broadway S. E. and E. 55th-st. Speaker, C. E. Ruthenberg, candidate for mayor.

St. Clair-av N. E. and E. 79th-st. Speaker, Joseph E. Robb.

OCT 7 1915

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

With Peter Witt's arraignment of Charles P. Salen and its possible effect the chief topics of political conversation yesterday, the several mayoralty candidates were lining up for new activities and clearing the way for action next week, which will see all the campaigns in full blast.

Mr. Salen, whose newly established headquarters at 322 Superior-av N. W. nearly ready for occupancy, are being decorated with great "Salen Nonpartisan League" signs outside and with bunting and flags inside, offered no come-back or comment on Mr. Witt's attack of the night before other than to say "it was so silly no one was taking it seriously."

Mr. Salen flatly denied having said or indicated he intended considering suit against Mr. Witt, and declared he had no such intention. He also said it would be "silly" to think of accepting Mr. Witt's challenge to publish 50,000 copies of the book from which Witt opponents have been quoting.

With quiet reigning in the Witt camp and the Salen crowd busy with headquarters and organization details, the supporters of Harry L. Davis were preparing for tonight's meeting in the Alley club, which is to be the official opening of the Davis campaign.

Speakers for the meeting were announced yesterday afternoon. Besides Mr. Davis, they will be Councilmen W. S. FitzGerald and Alex Bernstein, Lamar T. Beman and Pierre A. White.

Mr. Davis will issue his campaign platform in the shape of a "pledge to the public." It will be similar to the Davis platform of two years ago, with "city necessities first" its keynote.

Candidate Miner G. Norton is making no final campaign arrangements until next week. There will be no particular activities in the Norton camp until after Monday [illegible] Norton is to make



REGISTER TODAY!

This is the second day of registration for the municipal election Nov. 2.

All voters must register anew this year, and women who wish to cast their ballots for the board of education must register.

Voting booths will be open from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m., and from 5 p. m. to 10 p. m., Cleveland time. After today, only Oct. 15 and 16 remain as registration days. Now is the chance!

Register today!

election of 1913 was 26,879, and a year ago it was 32,614. It is believed the figures for today may surpass those of 1914.

All voters must register anew this year. Women must register to vote for the school board.

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A new note in the campaign was struck yesterday when J. B. Vining, formerly commissioner of charities and corrections under Mayor Newton D. Baker, began a book canvass of the city to sell Tom L. Johnson's autobiography, "My Story," as an aid to the Witt campaign.

"It's a labor of love and my contribution," said Mr. Vining. "I want the people of Cleveland to read of the things Tom stood and for what he had to say about Pete."

Yesterday Mr. Vining broke into the front rank of the book agent class, for he sold thirty copies, but declared he would not be satisfied until he sold fifty a day. The books are a memorial edition and sell at $1.

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Carl F. Wetzel, candidate for council in Ward 24, as part of his promise to the ward if elected proposes if named to council to establish a public office as councilman at E. 105th-st and St. Clair-av N. E. to take care of the people's business.

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William V. Backus, candidate for chief justice of municipal court, has been invited to speak before the Workingmen's Social and Literary club at Teutonia hall, Scovill-av S. E. this evening.

HEAVY BETTING ON MAYORALTY

Odds Even Witt Gets 40,000 First Choice Votes.

PRESS
OCT 6 1915

Pete Witt took a jump in the betting Wednesday and ruled a strong favorite at 2 to 1. Odds had been 100 to 60 on Witt. Even money was offered Witt would receive 40,000 first choice votes.

Bets posted Wednesday were:

100 to 50 Witt is next mayor.

100 even Witt receives 40,000 first choice votes.

50 even Witt gets 2500 more first choice votes than Davis on the West-side.

75 to 100 neither Norton nor Salen carries a city ward on first choice votes.

25 to 100 Witt is elected on first choice votes.

100 even Norton receives 8000 first choice votes.

100 even Norton won't get 12,000 first choice votes.

100 even Salen won't receive 12,000 first choice votes.

50 even Salen won't receive 10,000 first choice votes.

25 even Salen won't carry two wards.

20 even Norton receives 8500 first choice votes.

50 even Davis won't carry nine wards.

300 to 100 dry amendment won't carry.

50 even dry amendment loses in state by 60,000.

50 to 25 drys won't lose by 100,000.

NO WOMAN DIVISION HEADS WITT'S PROGRAM

NEWS.
OCT 7 1915

Traction Commissioner Witt is said to have promised the Democratic "boys," always pie-hungry, that if elected mayor he will tolerate no woman as a division head at city hall. This was taken Thursday to be equivalent to a promise to oust Miss Mildred Chadsey, chief of sanitation, from her $1,800 job.

When every Democratic councilman lined up against Miss Chadsey last January in the effort to cut $600 off her salary, Mayor Baker forced her retention and had the $600 tacked back on.

Witt's plans, it is said, contemplate giving men half a dozen good paying jobs now held by women at city hall.

COMPLETE PLANS FOR NORTON-WITT DEBATE

NEWS.
OCT 6 1915

Arrangements were completed Wednesday for the debate between Miner G. Norton, one of the Republican candidates for mayor, and Tractioner Witt, organization Democratic candidate, Monday night at E. 19th st. and Payne ave. Witt will open with a forty-five-minute speech and will be answered in a fifty-minute talk by Norton. Witt will be allowed fifteen minutes and Norton ten, to sum up.

The first of the big Democratic campaign rallies will be held Saturday night, when the tent will be pitched at W. 38th st. playgrounds. Witt and Mayor Baker will speak.

WITT CAN'T WIN ON SLANDER, SAYS SALEN

LEADER

Salen, last night, on learning of the attack by Witt, issued the following statement:

"Witt's reputation as an assassin of character is so well known in this community that I entered the campaign knowing he would resort to slander and abuse. I will not permit his mudslinging to divert me from my policy, which has been thoroughly worked out by an advisory board of prominent citizens and myself.

"The minds of the people are concentrated to correct the chaos that exists in city affairs, and cannot be diverted by such attempts as this to blind them to the real issues. Slander and lies will not elevate any man to the high position of mayor of Cleveland."

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Although all of the nine Democratic congressmen were specially invited to attend the meeting only five of them appeared and Congressman A. W. Overmyer, of Fremont, made the open charge before the meeting that one of the absentees is actively opposing the referendum campaign and supporting the new law.

Hints at Ashbrook.

He mentioned no name, but it was generally understood that he referred to Congressman W. A. Ashbrook, of Johnstown, representing the seventeenth district. It was rumored that one or two of the other three are indifferent as to the defeat of the Sprague law.

The meeting adopted a report drafted by former Attorney General Hogan, Congressman Warren Gard, of Hamilton, and State Executive Chairman William L. Finley, condemning the Sprague law as unfair to the Democrats and demanding its rejection at the polls as an indorsement of President Wilson.

Former Governor James C. Campbell, Hogan and Congressmen Allen, of Cincinnati; Gordon, of Cleveland; Key, of Marion, and Overmyer, denounced the new act in speeches.

Hits License Measure.

A report was also adopted calling upon Ohio voters to vote against the McDermott license decentralizing law which likewise is to be submitted to a referendum vote. The present Greenlund license law with its centralized system was declared effective.

Hogan and Executive Chairman Finley asserted that the McDermott law had been abandoned by the Republican organization since no indorsement was given it at the Republican meeting last week which planned a canpaign in defense of the Sprague lav.

David J. Zimer, member of the Democratic state central committee, with Congressman Gordon, represented the Cleveland Democracy.

SALEN CALLS WITT ORAL ATTACK 'SILLY'

Says No One Takes His Opponent's Campaign Address Seriously.

All Mayoralty Candidates Clear Decks for Next Week's Rallies.

TONIGHT'S MEETINGS.

Davis.

Campaign opening, meeting of general Davis committee, Alley club, E. 3d-st. Speakers, Harry L. Davis, W. S. FitzGerald, Alex Bernstein, Lamar T. Beman and Pierre A. White.

PLAIN DEALER

Salen.

Mass meeting, amateur sport lovers, 8 p. m., at Salen headquarters, 322 Superior-av N. W.

Socialist.

Lorain-av and W. 97th-st. Speaker, John G. Willert.

Broadway S. E. and E. 55th-st. Speaker, C. E. Ruthenberg, candidate for mayor.

St. Clair-av N. E. and E. 70th-st. Speaker, Joseph E. Robb.

OCT 7 1915

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

With Peter Witt's arraignment of Charles P. Salen and its possible effect the chief topics of political conversation yesterday, the several mayoralty candidates were lining up for new activities and clearing the way for action next week, which will see all the campaigns in full blast.

Mr. Salen, whose newly established headquarters at 322 Superior-av N. W. nearly ready for occupancy, are being decorated with great "Salen Nonpartisan League" signs outside and with bunting and flags inside, offered no come-back or comment on Mr. Witt's attack of the night before other than to say "it was so silly no one was taking it seriously."

Mr. Salen flatly denied having said or indicated he intended considering suit against Mr. Witt, and declared he had no such intention. He also said it would be "silly" to think of accepting Mr. Witt's challenge to publish 50,000 copies of the book from which Witt opponents have been quoting.

With quiet reigning in the Witt camp and the Salen crowd busy with headquarters and organization details, the supporters of Harry L. Davis were preparing for tonight's meeting in the Alley club, which is to be the official opening of the Davis campaign.

Speakers for the meeting were announced yesterday afternoon. Besides Mr. Davis, they will be Councilmen W. S. FitzGerald and Alex Bernstein, Lamar T. Beman and Pierre A. White.

Mr. Davis will issue his campaign platform in the shape of a "pledge to the public." It will be similar to the Davis platform of two years ago, with "city necessities first" its keynote.

Candidate Miner G. Norton is making no final campaign arrangements until next week. There will be no particular activities in the Norton camp until after Monday night, when Mr. Norton is to meet Peter Witt in debate in the Democratic tent at Payne-av N. E. and E. 19th-st.

Plans for the debate were completed yesterday. Mr. Witt is to lead off with a 45-minute speech, and Mr. Norton will follow with a speech of fifty minutes. The administration candidate then will have fifteen minutes and Mr. Norton ten minutes for rebuttal.

Mr. Witt has no speaking engagements the remainder of the week until Saturday evening, when the Democratic tent, pitched for the first time this year, will attract the first open-air campaign crowd to the W. 38th-st playgrounds.

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A lively political start for next week was forcasted yesterday when the Builders Exchange, through Secretary E. A. Roberts, invited Mayoralty Candidates Witt, Davis, Norton and Salen to speak at a noon luncheon Monday in the exchange headquarters, Chamber of Commerce building.

Mr. Roberts announced that each of the four personally had promised to attend.

The meeting will be for members of the exchange only, as no larger crowd could be handled in the organization's rooms. As it is, it is expected the quarters will be filled to capacity.

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This is the second day of registration.

Booths will be open in the precincts from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m. and from 5 p. m. to 10 p. m., Cleveland time.

Last Thursday's registration broke the records for first day attendance at the booths, the total of men being 36,647 and of women 1,031.

Another heavy registration is predicted for today. The second day total of men prior to the municipal election of 1913 was 26,879, and a year ago it was 32,614. It is believed the figures for today may surpass those of 1914.

All voters must register anew this year. Women must register to vote for the school board.

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A new note in the campaign was struck yesterday when J. B. Vining, formerly commissioner of charities and corrections under Mayor Newton D. Baker, began a book canvass of the city to sell Tom L. Johnson's autobiography, "My Story," as an aid to the Witt campaign.

"It's a labor of love and my contribution," said Mr. Vining. "I want the people of Cleveland to read of the things Tom stood and for what he had to say about Pete."

Yesterday Mr. Vining broke into the front rank of the book agent class, for he sold thirty copies, but declared he would not be satisfied until he sold fifty a day. The books are a memorial edition and sell at $1.

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Carl F. Wetzel, candidate for council in Ward 24, as part of his promise to the ward if elected proposes if named to council to establish a public office as councilman at E. 105th-st and St. Clair-av N. E. to take care of the people's business.

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William V. Backus, candidate for chief justice of municipal court, has been invited to speak before the Workingmen's Social and Literary club at Teutonia hall, Scovill-av S. E. this evening.

REGISTER TODAY!

This is the second day of registration for the municipal election Nov. 2.

All voters must register anew this year, and women who wish to cast their ballots for the board of education must register.

Voting booths will be open from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m., and from 5 p. m. to 10 p. m., Cleveland time. After today, only Oct. 15 and 16 remain as registration days. Now is the chance!

Register today!

HEAVY BETTING ON MAYORALTY

Odds Even Witt Gets 40,000 First Choice Votes.

PRESS OCT 7 1915

Pete Witt took a jump in the betting Wednesday and ruled a strong favorite at 2 to 1. Odds had been 100 to 60 on Witt. Even money was offered Witt would receive 40,000 first choice votes.

Bets posted Wednesday were:

100 to 50 Witt is next mayor.

100 even Witt receives 40,000 first choice votes.

50 even Witt gets 2500 more first choice votes than Davis on the West-side.

75 to 100 neither Norton nor Salen carries a city ward on first choice votes.

25 to 100 Witt is elected on first choice votes.

100 even Norton receives 8000 first choice votes.

100 even Norton won't get 12,000 first choice votes.

100 even Salen won't receive 12,000 first choice votes.

50 even Salen won't receive 10,000 first choice votes.

25 even Salen won't carry two wards.

20 even Norton receives 8500 first choice votes.

50 even Davis won't carry nine wards.

300 to 100 dry amendment won't carry.

50 even dry amendment loses in state by 60,000.

50 to 25 drys won't lose by 100,000.

NO WOMAN DIVISION HEADS WITT'S PROGRAM

NEWS OCT 7 1915

Traction Commissioner Witt is said to have promised the Democratic "boys," always pie-hungry, that if elected mayor he will tolerate no woman as a division head at city hall. This was taken Thursday to be equivalent to a promise to oust Miss Mildred Chadsey, chief of sanitation, from her $1,800 job.

When every Democratic councilman lined up against Miss Chadsey last January in the effort to cut $600 off her salary, Mayor Baker forced her retention and had the $600 tacked back on.

Witt's plans, it is said, contemplate giving men half a dozen good paying jobs now held by women at city hall.

COMPLETE PLANS FOR NORTON-WITT DEBATE

NEWS OCT 6 1915

Arrangements were completed Wednesday for the debate between Miner G. Norton, one of the Republican candidates for mayor, and Tractioner Witt, organization Democratic candidate, Monday night at E. 19th st. and Payne ave. Witt will open with a forty-five-minute speech and will be answered in a fifty-minute talk by Norton. Witt will be allowed fifteen minutes and Norton ten, to sum up.

The first of the big Democratic campaign rallies will be held Saturday night, when the tent will be pitched at W. 38th st. playgrounds. Witt and Mayor Baker will speak.

WITT CAN'T WIN ON SLANDER, SAYS SALEN

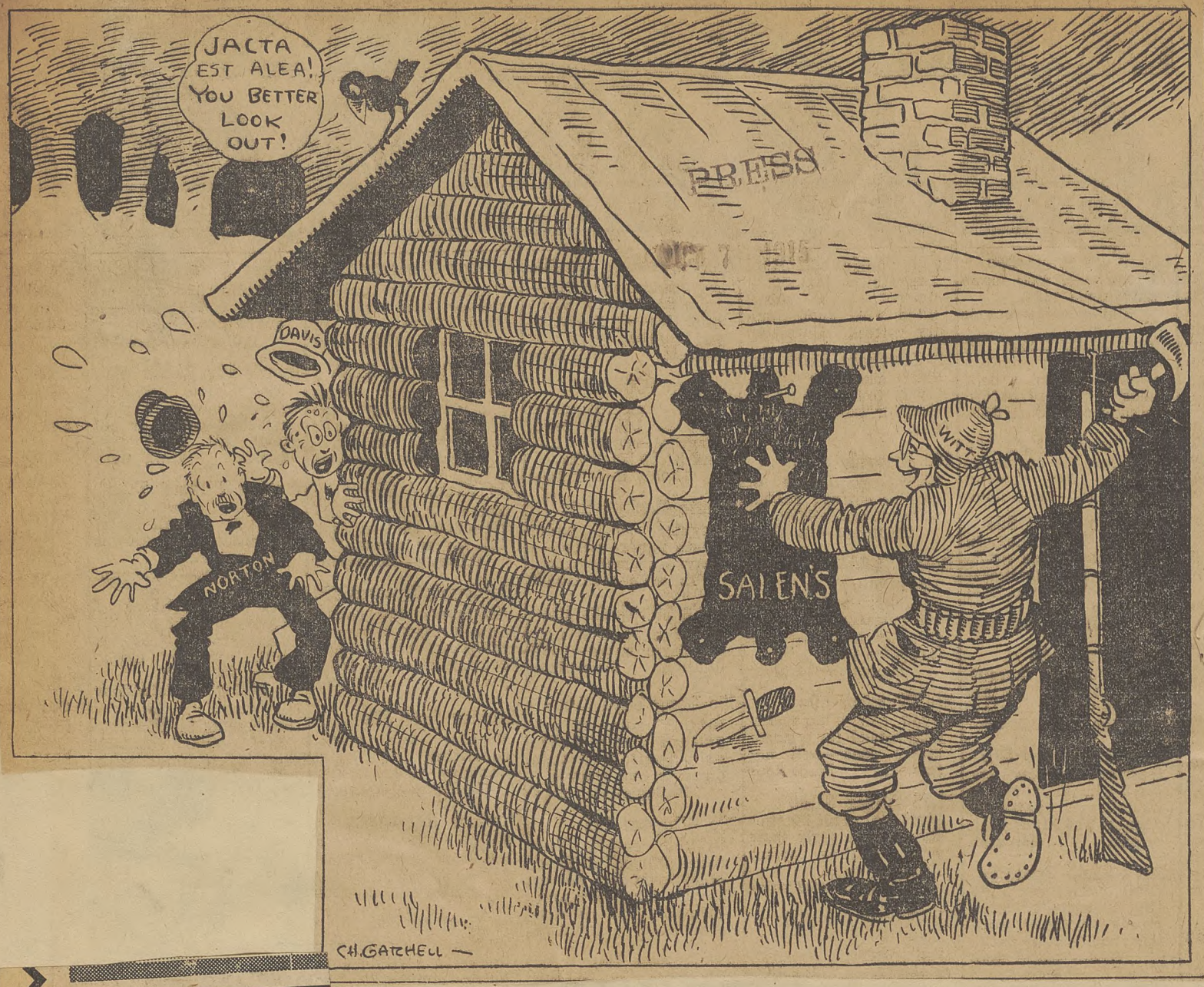
LEADER OCT 6 1915

Salen, last night, on learning of the attack by Witt, issued the following statement:

"Witt's reputation as an assassin of character is so well known in this community that I entered the campaign knowing he would resort to slander and abuse. I will not permit his mudslinging to divert me from my policy, which has been thoroughly worked out by an advisory board of prominent citizens and myself.

"The minds of the people are concentrated to correct the chaos that exists in city affairs, and cannot be diverted by such attempts as this to blind them to the real issues. Slander and lies will not elevate any man to the high position of mayor of Cleveland."

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PRINCIPALS AT OPENING OF WITT CAMPAIGN



ROBERT J. BULKLEY CHAIRMAN OF DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PRESIDED

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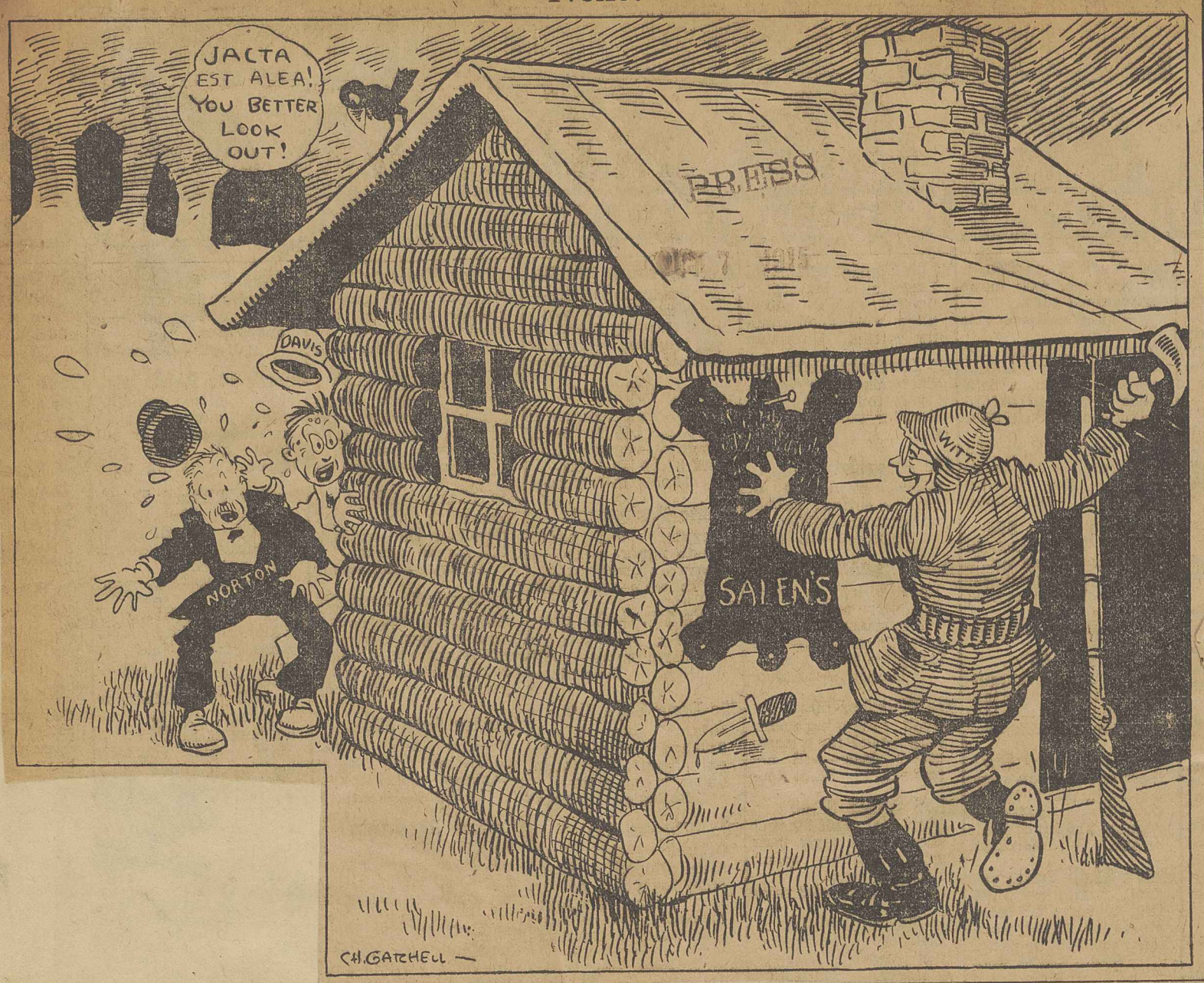
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NORTON SUGGESTS DAVIS VOTING PACT

Proposes First and Second Choice Agreement for All Republicans.

Tomorrow, Second Registration Day, Expected to See Big List.

Miner G. Norton, in view of repeated proposals by Harry L. Davis for elimination by a poll of one or the other from the mayoralty race, suggested yesterday that under the charter, Republicans balloting election day could vote first choice for him and second choice for Mr. Davis, or first choice for Mr. Davis and second choice for him, thus establishing the sentiment of the entire party.

"Mr. Davis has suggested the question of eliminating one of the Republican candidates by straw vote," said Mr. Norton.

"On first thought this may seem fair to some. I believe, however, that after consideration they will agree a straw vote is unsatisfactory at any time, and taken now would not determine which candidate would be the stronger on election day.

"Under our charter, Republicans voting at the election can vote for me for first choice and for Mr. Davis for second choice, or vice versa, and when the first and second choice votes are added together, then the Republican party will get the benefit of its entire vote.

"This gives an opportunity to select a mayor at the regular election, governed by the laws of Ohio and under the supervision of the regular judges and clerks of election at a time when the voters are perfectly familiar with the candidates and what they represent."

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Tomorrow is the second registration day. All voters must register anew this year and women must register if they wish to vote for members of the board of education. Booths will be open tomorrow from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m. and from 5 p. m. to 10 p. m., Cleveland time.

Last Thursday produced a record-breaking first-day registration. Heavy registering is expected tomorrow.

Only two days to register remain after tomorrow. Booths will be open Oct. 15 and 16.

Lakewood electors qualified to vote last year are not required to register this year unless they have moved since the last election. The same conditions obtain in Rocky River and Bedford, the other registration centers in the county outside Cleveland.

Voters who have moved in those places must transfer to their present locations. New electors, electors coming of age or who have moved into Lakewood, Rocky River or Bedford, must register to vote Nov. 2.

Law Director R. G. Curren of Lakewood issued a statement yesterday calling these facts to the attention of Lakewood voters, and explaining that special registration will be held in the Lakewood booths Oct. 15 and 16 from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m. and from 5 p. m. to 10 p. m. eastern time. The same dates and hours apply to Rocky River and Bedford.

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Candidates for council in the several wards are launching new activities daily as election day draws nearer.

Cards are being sent broadcast in Ward 11 by a citizens' committee which is backing the candidacy of Thomas W. Fleming, the notices bearing the names of the committee and claiming for Mr. Fleming credit for various ward improvements. James S. Lytle, candidate in the same ward, is sending out announcements of his candidacy on notices showing the streets and outlines of the ward and its precincts.

The John C. Fremont club has indorsed Oscar Berg for council in Ward 4, it was announced yesterday.

In Ward 1, where James Grant, Republican, is heading a fight against Councilman A. R. Dittrick, Candidate Grant already is claiming victory. Friends of Councilman Dittrick express similar confidence for their man's re-election.

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County Prosecutor Cyrus Locher, who doesn't get angry at the hint conveyed when his friends call him "governor," is to speak Oct. 12, Columbus day, at a celebration in Sandusky.

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William L. David spoke to members of the Willis club at The Hollenden last evening on "The Advisability of an Organization Based on Fundamental Principles."

Resolutions of respect for Frederick Bagley, former Cleveland political writer, who died this week in Massachusetts, were adopted. Several candidates for the municipal bench and others running for city council also spoke. James B. Ruhl is president of the club and J. H. Rainsberger, secretary.

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Charles P. Salen was indorsed for mayor last night at a meeting of the Sixth Ward Crosser organization at a meeting at the residence of Alex C. Hahn, 3300 Tampa-av S. W. Mr. Salen attended the meeting.

PRINCIPALS AT OPENING OF WITT CAMPAIGN



NORTON, SALEN, DAVIS, WITT TO DINE TOGETHER

Four Mayoralty Candidates Will Speak Fifteen Minutes Each at Builders' Exchange Luncheon.

LEADER OCT 1 1915

BY JOHN T. BOURKE.

Four candidates for mayor, Harry L. Davis, Miner G. Norton, Charles P. Salen and Peter Witt, have accepted invitations to be the guests of the Cleveland Builders' Exchange at a noonday luncheon next Monday.

Each candidate has consented to speak fifteen minutes upon the issues of the municipal campaign and explain his position upon questions receiving attention in the contest for the mayoralty.

A. C. Klumph, president of the exchange, will be the toastmaster and introduce the speakers. Two years ago in the municipal campaign, the then mayoralty candidates, Newton D. Baker and Harry L. Davis, engaged in a heated discussion at an exchange luncheon. Interest shown in the coming meeting indicates that the candidates will have a large audience of business men.

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Harry L. Davis' speaking campaig will be formally opened tonight with a meeting in the Alley Club, in E. 3d st., near Euclid ave. Davis will present his platform as a candidate for mayor to his campaign committee of 200. He will term the platform his pledge to the people and will present it, following addresses by Councilman W. S. FitzGerald, Lamar Beman and Pierre A. White.

Eight subcommittees of the general committee will be named, each to have charge of special work in the campaign. Recommendations for places on these subcommittees were made last night at a conference of the Davis ward leaders, held in his headquarters, 714 Schofield building.

Davis will speak at West Side meetings Friday night and in the thirteenth ward Saturday night, but his big meetings will not start until next Monday.

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Norton to Speak.

Miner G. Norton, who has been prosecuting a quiet campaign for mayor, will speak tonight to the Fifth Ward Republican Club in its rooms, 2818 W. 25th st. William J. Delaney, Republican candidate for council in the fifth ward, will also address the club. This is the only speech scheduled for Norton until next Monday, when he will debate with Peter Witt in the Democratic tent.

Witt has not been assigned to any meetings until Saturday night, when he will start his tent meeting campaign on the West Side.

Charles P. Salen will address several house meetings tonight and tomorrow night will speak at a thirteenth ward gathering in Brom's hall, 5300 Hamm ave.

A group of Salen supporters interested in athletics will meet tonight at his headquarters, 322 Superior ave. N. W.

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The need of the Republican party in Cleveland for a live, active, fighting organization was urged upon the John Hay Club by Congressman Henry I. Emerson yesterday. Emerson was the speaker at the weekly luncheon of the club in the Cuyahoga restaurant. The congressman declined to discuss the local political situation because of the fact there were two Republicans seeking the mayor's office. He outlined what he purposes to do at the coming session of Congress. He wanted his friends to be honest with him, and asked that they send to him any criticism they desired to make on his stand on any public question.

"When I get to Washington two months from now," he said, "I want to know what the people back home think about measures before Congress. I don't care what lobbyists in Washington may say so long as I serve the people as they desire to be served.

Sees G. O. P. Victory.

"I can't see how the Republicans can lose in 1916, but I do not believe in sleeping at the switch. We must not overlook anything nor indulge in over confidence.

"In Congress I shall vote for what I believe to be to the best interests of the Republican party, for I believe the Republican policies are best for the country. I am for a protective tariff law. I believe the time has arrived when this country must take a stand for national defense. We should have a navy that commands the respect of every nation in the world. I am in favor of national preparedness. I believe we should teach patriotism and love of country to our youth. Every vote I cast in Congress will be for America first."

Resolutions deploring the death of Frederick Bagley of The Leader staff were adopted by the club, tributes to his memory being paid by Monroe Curtis, Miner G. Norton, Pierre White and Herbert C. Wood.

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Charles P. Salen last night addressed a meeting of the Hungarian Citizens' League at West Side Turn hall. The league represents all the Hungarian societies in the city. The meeting was behind closed doors.

Salen, in his speech, discussed the financial condition of the city and other questions treated by him in his mayoralty platform. He laid special stress upon the alleged interference of city officials with the right of individuals. No mention was made by him of the attack upon him Tuesday night by Peter Witt.

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The speakers' committee of the Salen league did not complete its selection of orators for the Salen campaign yesterday and will meet again at 4:30 p. m. today.

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Charles P. Salen has been indorsed for mayor by the Seventh Ward Nonpartisan Club, which organized Tuesday night by electing L. B. Thompson, president; J. F. Whalen, vice president; P. B. McKenna, secretary, and J. W. Downey, treasurer. The club will meet Saturday night in Harding's hall, W. 11th st. and Fairfield ave., to arrange a series of meetings for the seventh ward.

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Williams V. Backus, candidate for chief justice of the municipal court, has been invited to address the Workingmen's Social and Literary Club at Teutonia hall, Scovill ave., this evening.

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Bert F. Mills, candidate for mayor in Lakewood, will open his campaign at a camp fire and smoker tonight at 1452 Wayne ave. He will state his platform and discuss campaign issues. Other speakers will be Attorney C. R. Cross, John A. Neading and E. M. Fisher.

WITT CALLS HIM TRAITOR; 'SILLY,' SALEN REPLIES

OCT 5 1915

Four Thousand Democrats Listen to Opening Speech of Their Candidate.

NEWS

Traction Commissioner Witt, Democratic organization candidate for mayor, Tuesday night told 4,000 organization workers, gathered in Acme Hall, 2416 E. 9th st., that Charles P. Salen, anti-organization candidate, was a traitor to Tom L. Johnson, that his political record "was awful" and that Salen always has been a political traitor. Witt's remarks were cheered throughout.

Then Witt declared he was through with Salen but that he would take up the other candidates, and Dan Hanna, at a later date. Witt charged that Hanna was supporting Salen's candidacy and that he "had the barrel."

Wednesday Salen called Witt's speech "silly."

"This is practically the same speech that Witt delivered when I was a candidate for county clerk, and it then had the effect of my being the only Democrat elected," Salen said. "I was elected by 4,000 majority and ran about 20,000 ahead of the ticket. This speech makes me more confident than ever."

R. J. Bulkley, chairman of the Democratic executive committee and of Tuesday night's meeting, and Mayor Baker prepared the audience for Witt's speech. Here's what Witt told his audience:

"I Am to Skin Him."

"Ten years ago I paid my respects to the man I am going to talk about. Four years ago I again told of his awful past. I thought I'd never have to go after him again, but as he possesses nothing but brass, he'll never be finished. So long as a dollar is rolling he will be after it. They say I am to skin him. He smells so bad with the hide, I'll take it off.

"He was raised near where I was born on the West Side. I remember him as city clerk. If anybody wants to know what kind of a clerk he was, let him go to the city hall and examine the records. He was clerk two years, then out two years, and clerk again. Then he was clerk for the election board till 1893, when he became a candidate for mayor at the primaries and was tied to the post."

Says He Knifed Farley.

"Back in 1897 John Farley was knifed by Salen and Charlie was given Carl Nau's place as Democratic member of the election board. At the next election Salen went back on McKisson and supported Farley, who made him city auditor.

"In 1901 he bade farewell to Farley and tried to make people believe he brought Tom L. Johnson here to run for mayor. Johnson made him director of public works, and made a mistake.

"Salen double-crossed Johnson at the Democratic state convention in 1904. When a candidate for re-election as county clerk Salen ran on an antifee platform and after election lobbied at Columbus for the retention of the fee system.

"Dan Hanna tried to elect a boy mayor two years ago. I got in this race early. Then the boy got in, and then another. Dan Hanna didn't think two Republicans could lick a Democrat and then he put in Salen. Hanna has the barrel."

In closing, Witt said: "I'm through with Salen tonight. I'll finish with my other opponents some other night. I'll take up Dan Hanna another night and then I'll devote my campaign to things I'll accomplish during my two years in office."

BAKER NOT OUT FOR GOVERNOR, HE SAYS

Mayor Baker isn't a candidate for governor or for any other office. When he leaves city hall January 1 he'll devote his time to practice of law.

This was the word Wednesday from Baker. Democrats saw in his speech at Acme hall Tuesday night a casting of one of the Baker hats into the gubernatorial ring. It was a well-drawn word picture of himself as a future governor, his admirers thought.

THURSDAY IS SECOND DAY FOR REGISTRATION

Thursday will be the second of the four days for registration for the November 2 election. Booths will be open from 9 to 3 and 5 to 10 p. m.

In Lakewood only voters who have moved into the city or have moved from one precinct to another must register. Registration days there are October 15 and 16.

SALEN TALKS OF SLANDER

Charles P. Salen Wednesday said he would sue for damages if statements he considers slanderous are made about him in his mayoralty campaign.

This announcement was made when Salen learned that in the operation Peter Witt called "taking off Salen's hide," Witt called him a "peanut business man," a "betrayer of trust," a "double-crosser," and a "political poltroon."

Asked whether he intends to sue Witt as a result of this attack upon him, Salen said he considers Witt "irresponsible," and branded Witt's charges as "silly and stereotyped."

"Fine!" exclaimed Witt, when told of Salen's statement. "I'd like to have him sue me before election. I'd like to have the whole business aired."

Salen said he looked upon Witt's "skinning bee" at Acme hall Tuesday night, attended by 2000, as an indication of sure victory for himself.

"Witt made the same stereotyped speech in 1908, when I was running for county clerk, and I was the only democrat elected," said Salen.

Witt said Wednesday that one of the first things he did when he got out of bed was to set a match to his copy of Salen's "contract" stating his campaign pledges.

"I'm thru with Salen for the rest of the campaign," Witt said.

Interrupted by shouts of "Go to it Pete!" and "Skin 'em alive!" Witt Tuesday night addressed the biggest gathering of organization democrats in Cleveland's history.

Hall Is Filled.

Acme hall was filled with tobacco smoke and enthusiasm. The aisles were crowded.

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SALEN TALKS OF SUITS; "SURE," ANSWERS WITT

Blee, candidate for mayor, after Salen had tried to put thru his own indorsement for postmaster.

He asserted Salen knifed Bob McKisson quietly, and got into John Farley's bandwagon. He claimed what he called "Salen's betrayal of Tom L. Johnson" dated from 1904.

"In 1904, Salen double-crossed Johnson and had himself elected a delegate to the St. Louis convention," shouted Witt. "In 1907, when Tom ran against icicle Burton, Salen went about lining up an anti-Johnson council slate.

"Salen didn't beat Tom Johnson finally. He wasn't big enough. But he threw all his weight against Johnson in the showdown. Johnson knew it, too."

Recalls Fee Law Fight.

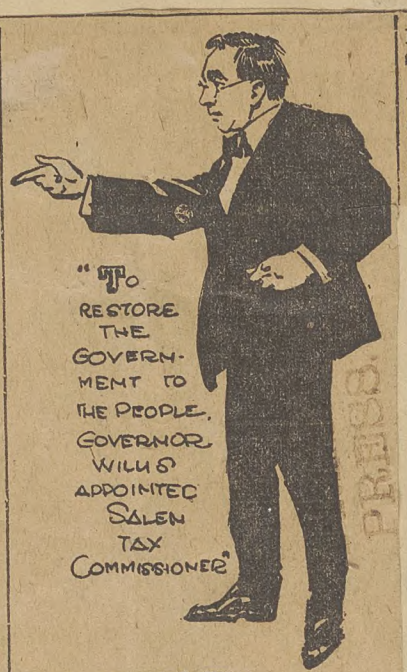
Witt took another drink from the water pitcher, and dug up more skeletons. He charged Salen was elected county clerk in 1905 on a no-fee platform, and that he afterwards lobbied for laws permitting the continuance of the fee system.

Then Witt ridiculed Salen as "the father of Sunday baseball," and charged Salen's "henchmen" took up a collection when the first official Sunday game was played at Brookside park.

"When I was a boy on the West-side, the 'Peerless Stars,' the 'Mystics' and the 'East-End Rocks' played Sunday ball before Salen ever got into the game," said Witt.

"In 1911, Salen lobbied against labor laws," Witt said.

Witt was introduced by Bulkley, chairman of the democratic committee, who referred to Salen as an "alleged democrat." Mayor Baker preceded Witt.



Baker read Tom Johnson's praise of Witt, written on Johnson's deathbed.

"You should select for mayor the man who stood on Tom Johnson's right hand while I stood on the left," said Baker. "Charlie Salen never double-crossed me, I never let him."

Salen Denies Charge.

Flatly denying Witt's charge that Dan R. Hanna provides the "barrel" for his campaign funds, Salen warned Witt to watch his step thruout the mayoralty campaign.

"I'm not going to enter into a controversy with Witt," said Salen.

"I have nothing to do with Hanna, altho I am a close personal friend of W. P. Leech. I'm going to make my campaign a constructive one, free from personalities."

Answering Witt's charge that he knifed Tom L. Johnson, Salen said:

"I have already told the public that I didn't betray Tom Johnson. I'm going to stand on that. If Witt wants to dig his own grave by vituperation, I'll let him lie in it."

CHILD PLANS TO HAVE SALEN DAY

Lorna Salen, fourteen, Charles P. Salen's younger daughter, has ideas of her own about managing a mayoralty race.

"I want to make halloween this year into Salen day," says Lorna.

"If Salen day were celebrated the same day as halloween, the children could combine the two holidays, you see!"

Salen's older daughter Aimee, who attends Harcourt seminary at Gambier, will stay in Cleveland until after election.



LORNA SALEN.

DEMANDS WITT PROVE CHARGES

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Charles P. Salen Wednesday said he would sue for damages if statements he considers slanderous are made about him in his mayoralty campaign.

This announcement was made when Salen learned that in the operation Peter Witt called "taking off Salen's hide," Witt called him a "peanut business man," a "betrayer of trust," a "double-crosser," and a "political poltroon."

Asked whether he intends to sue Witt as a result of this attack upon him, Salen said he considers Witt "irresponsible," and branded Witt's charges as "silly and stereotyped."

"Fine!" exclaimed Witt, when told of Salen's statement. "I'd like to have him sue me before election. I'd like to have the whole business aired."

Salen said he looked upon Witt's "skinning bee" at Acme hall Tuesday night, attended by 2000, as an indication of sure victory for himself.

"Witt made the same stereotyped speech in 1908, when I was running for county clerk, and I was the only democrat elected," said Salen.

Witt said Wednesday that one of the first things he did when he got out of bed was to set a match to his copy of Salen's "contract" stating his campaign pledges.

"I'm thru with Salen for the rest of the campaign," Witt said.

Interrupted by shouts of "Go to it Pete!" and "Skin 'em alive!" Witt Tuesday night addressed the biggest gathering of organization democrats in Cleveland's history.

Hall Is Filled.

Acme hall was filled with tobacco smoke and enthusiasm. The aisles were crowded.

Chairman Robert Bulkley's light brown socks, the red collar on the coat of one of the four women present, flags, and four dangling Chinese lanterns furnished the color.

Shoulders squared, eyes glinting behind his glasses, Witt talked. He wore a dark blue suit. His tie was askew. His voice had a ring.

"I thought I had finished with Charlie Salen four years ago at the democratic primaries," began Witt, quietly. "But, as Salen possesses nothing but brass, he'll never be thru!"

Traces Salen's History.

"Louder, Pete!" came the cry from the rear of the hall.

Witt took a big drink out of a water pitcher trimmed with pink roses and cracked in three places. Then he proceeded to trace Salen's political career, year by year.

"Salen and his friends organized the 'Glue Democracy,' Witt shouted. "They helped to elect the gizzard-eating governor we now have—Willis.

"Willis is a man who thinks with his lungs and acts with his knife and fork.

"And when Willis was elected, to restore the government to the people, he appointed Salen as tax commissioner.

"Salen previously had told Billy Agnew that Agnew wouldn't lose his job as taxer. Salen thought he was going to be license commissioner, but when he failed to get that, he took the job he had promised to Agnew.

"Salen criticises our car service. If Salen can run our car service better and cheaper than it is being run, then he has been in the peanut business too long.

"Examine Public Records."

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SALEN TALKS OF SUITS; "SURE," ANSWERS WITT

Blee, candidate for mayor, after Salen had tried to put thru his own indorsement for postmaster.

He asserted Salen knifed Bob McKisson quietly, and got into John Farley's bandwagon. He claimed what he called "Salen's betrayal of Tom L. Johnson" dated from 1904.

"In 1904, Salen double-crossed Johnson and had himself elected a delegate to the St. Louis convention," shouted Witt. "In 1907, when Tom ran against icicle Burton, Salen went about lining up an anti-Johnson council slate.

"Salen didn't beat Tom Johnson finally. He wasn't big enough. But he threw all his weight against Johnson in the showdown. Johnson knew it, too."

Recalls Fee Law Fight.

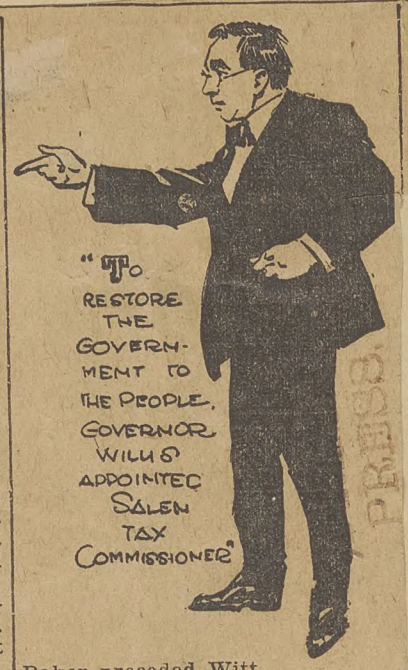
Witt took another drink from the water pitcher, and dug up more skeletons. He charged Salen was elected county clerk in 1905 on a no-fee platform, and that he afterwards lobbied for laws permitting the continuance of the fee system.

Then Witt ridiculed Salen as "the father of Sunday baseball," and charged Salen's "henchmen" took up a collection when the first official Sunday game was played at Brookside park.

"When I was a boy on the West-side, the 'Peerless Stars,' the 'Mystics' and the 'East-End Rocks' played Sunday ball before Salen ever got into the game," said Witt.

"In 1911, Salen lobbied against labor laws," Witt said.

Witt was introduced by Bulkley, chairman of the democratic committee, who referred to Salen as an "alleged democrat." Mayor



Baker preceded Witt.

Baker read Tom Johnson's praise of Witt, written on Johnson's deathbed.

"You should select for mayor the man who stood on Tom Johnson's right hand while I stood on the left," said Baker. "Charlie Salen never double-crossed me, I never let him."

Salen Denies Charge.

Flatly denying Witt's charge that Dan R. Hanna provides the "barrel" for his campaign funds, Salen warned Witt to watch his step thruout the mayoralty campaign.

"I'm not going to enter into a controversy with Witt," said Salen.

"I have nothing to do with Hanna, altho I am a close personal friend of W. P. Leech. I'm going to make my campaign a constructive one, free from personalities."

Answering Witt's charge that he knifed Tom L. Johnson, Salen said:

"I have already told the public that I didn't betray Tom Johnson. I'm going to stand on that. If Witt wants to dig his own grave by vituperation, I'll let him lie in it."

CHILD PLANS TO HAVE SALEN DAY

Lorna Salen, fourteen, Charles P. Salen's younger daughter, has ideas of her own about managing a mayoralty race.

"I want to make halloween this year into Salen day," says Lorna.

"If Salen day were celebrated the same day as halloween, the children could combine the two holidays, you see!"

Salen's older daughter Aimee, who attends Harcourt seminary at Gambier, will stay in Cleveland until after election.



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Administration Candidate, in Opening Campaign, Brands Opponent Not Worthy of Public Faith.

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SAYS D. R. HANNA BACKS SALEN FOR MAYORALTY

Acme Hall is Jammed by Noisy Partisans to Hear Vitrolic Address.

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PLAIN DEALER

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Peter Witt last night, with all the weight of denunciation in him, assailed the political record of Charles P. Salen as that of a man not worthy of public trust.

Terming it 'brazen effrontery" for Mr. Salen to present to the people of Cleveland a campaign contract and expect them to have faith in it, the street railway commissioner concluded his smashing attack with the assertion that Mr. Salen comes before the voters the candidate of Dan R. Hanna.

"I'm through with him tonight!" cried the speaker, while the largest political assemblage that ever has choked Acme hall at 2416 E. 9th-st, howled in approval.

Finish the Others Monday.

"I'll finish the other two candidates next Monday night," continued Mr. Witt. "I'll discuss Dan Hanna on some future evening. And from then on I'll devote myself to laying before the people of Cleveland the propositions I stand for, the things I've declared for, the things I'll work for during my coming two years in office.

"They think they're going to bait me. They think they'll keep me from talking about the principles that I will carry out when I take the office of mayor—as I will!" He thundered it at them with a sweep of his arm, and they thundered back in applause.

The meeting, which jammed the hall and packed the galleries, at which more stood in closely pressed rows than were seated, and from which hundreds were turned away, officially rang up the curtain on Peter Witt's campaign as administration candidate for mayor.

Former Congressman R. J. Bulkley, chairman of the Democratic county executive committee, presided, and said as he presented Mr. Witt:

"Gentlemen, if you are ready, you will now listen to the finish of Mr. Salen as far as this campaign is concerned. Your next mayor, Pete Witt!"

An address by Mayor Newton D. Baker preceded that of the candidate. Tracing the accomplishments of Democracy in Cleveland under Tom L. Johnson, claiming for the Democracy the achievements of the past fourteen years of the city's history, and sketching the course of his own administration, the mayor in closing paid his respects to Mr. Salen.

Baker Never Trusted Salen.

"The question seems to be agitating the minds of some of the opposition as to whether Charley Salen betrayed Tom Johnson," said the mayor. "I know he never betrayed me, because I never trusted him."

First with a ripple and then with a surging roar, the crowd laughed until the roof shook.

Mr. Witt had a blow for every year of Charles P. Salen's record. He charged him with having "double crossed every man he ever played with." He charged him flatly and vehemently with having betrayed Tom Johnson, not once, but more than once. He charged him with having changed sides and leaders as he foresaw their rise or fall. He laughed at Mr. Salen's talk of "business administration."

"This business man!" he said "He never engaged in business bigger than a peanut stand that he made go."

"Mr. Chairman and Fellow Democrats." So Peter Witt began his second speech before the Democratic organization that is behind him in his fight. One hand was thrust in the breast of his coat in characteristic fashion.

"Some years ago I paid my respects to the man that I'm going to talk about tonight, when he tried to stampede a tent out at Gordon park," he said. "Four years ago, under canvas, in the contest before the Democratic primaries, I again referred to his awful past. When I got through that night I never thought I would be called upon to speak of him again. I thought he was finished. But as he is possessed of nothing but brass, he never will be through."

The speaker went back to Mr. Salen's political beginning.

"If anyone wants knowledge as to his fitness to hold city office, go down and examine the public record he wrote as city clerk," he said.

Delving into the past to 1895, Mr. Witt spoke of the then Mayor Robert Blee's campaign for re-election. Mr. Blee was a Democrat.

"Charley Salen," said Mr. Witt, "picked out a man named Williams and said he'd nominate him for mayor. Williams wrote out a speech of acceptance and sat in the Arcade waiting for the call of the convention. Salen was a candidate for postmaster. He forced the Blee organization to send telegrams to Calvin Brice, then United States senator, urging his appointment as postmaster. He made that deal on the floor of the convention, although the man he had promised to nominate for mayor sat waiting. He threw him to the winds when he thought he had the postmastership.

"The Blee organization honestly carried out that promise." Mr. Witt went on to say Calvin Brice appointed another man postmaster.

"Salen then," he continued, "said Blee and Farley and the rest betrayed him. The Monday before election he sank the knife of a traitor into the breast of Bob Blee."

In 1897, "Salen knifed Blee quietly," the candidate said. He said Mr. Salen received a job as Democratic elections board member at the hands of R. E. McKisson, Republican mayor. In 1899, Mr. Witt said "Salen saw McKisson was on the wane and got into the Farley band wagon." Then he said Mr. Salen became an administrative official under Mr. Farley.

"Then came 1901, when he bid farewell to Farley," Mr. Witt asserted. "He tries to make the people believe he brought Tom Johnson to Cleveland." Mr. Witt said in those days of political managers, every "door tender" claimed credit for the management of campaigns that were victorious.

"Then in the Johnson administration," said Mr. Witt, "Tom Johnson made him director of public works—and he made a mistake.

"At the Crank club one Saturday L. A. Russell asked Tom, 'Why did you make that man director of public works? It's like slapping the decent people of the city in the face with a wet towel. What does he know about it?' Tom said, 'Nothing, I'm going to run it.'"

Mr. Witt scoffed Mr. Salen's claim to credit for Sunday baseball, saying, "I remember Sunday baseball when I was a kid. I remember the Peerless team, the Mystics, the West End Grays, the Newburg Stars."

"But they say he started Sunday baseball in Brookside park," he added. "And the first Sunday they opened the park to baseball, he had a henchman collecting 15 cents from every person that went into the grandstand."

Mr. Witt charged that Mr. Salen betrayed Tom Johnson in 1904 at the Democratic convention held in Columbus to pick four delegates at large to the national convention at St. Louis, when he had himself elected as a delegate.

"That's the day from which dated the betrayal of Tom Johnson. Tom Johnson knew it," said Mr. Witt.

"In 1905 he, Salen, again was a candidate for county clerk, on a platform denouncing the fee system that netted him $150,000 in the three years before. And as soon as the legislature convenes in 1906 he's in Columbus lobbying to make possible the continuing of the fee system."

In 1907, Mr. Salen in nine wards placed candidates for council against Tom Johnson, Mr. Witt charged.

"That was the year he came to the tent at Gordon park when he was making his struggle to defeat the administration," he declared. "That was the night he got his trimming. He was on the same platform and couldn't get away. He tried to brazen it out, but the truth was so awful that it changed the complexion of his face, which is a hard job."

In 1908, Mr. Witt said he begged Mr. Johnson "to get rid of Lee and Salen." He spoke of his old charge that Harry Kline, a precinct captain, asked Mr. Salen to sign a Johnson petition, and that Mr. Salen said it was "too early."

"They lined up all the Democratic malcontents and knifed Tom Johnson," cried the candidate. "Of course Salen didn't defeat him—he was not big enough—but he lent all his strength to it."

Mr. Witt said Mr. Salen next "bobbed up" at Columbus lobbying against "humane laws." Mr. Witt took occasion there to pay tribute to former Gov. James M. Cox, saying while he disagreed with him on the tax question, he considered him the best governor Ohio had known in his lifetime. He spoke of the Democratic attack on Cox by the organization he said had fittingly been called the "Glue Democracy," and the election of Frank B. Willis.

"Think of it," he said. "Willis governor of Ohio! A man who thinks with his lungs and acts with his knife and fork."

Mr. Witt then brought into the open for the first time the charge circulated in the Democratic organization for months, that Mr. Salen "double crossed" William Agnew and took the appointment he now holds of Democratic deputy state tax commissioner here after telling Mr. Agnew, according to Mr. Witt's charge, that he, Agnew, would not lose his job.

"He can't help it. He's got to be at the pie counter," said Mr. Witt.

Mr. Witt charged that Dan R. Hanna put Mr. Salen in the mayoralty race to weaken him, and added "that's where the barrel is located." He said Mr. Salen's advertising of his contract must have cost him $1,000, and asked the crowd to "imagine Salen spending $1,000" of his own money.

Mr. Witt took up extracts quoted by his opponents from the old Witt lecture and pamphlet, in which he speaks of the political stables of rich Clevelanders, including Tom Johnson. The candidate hurled the challenge at Dan Hanna and Mr. Salen that if they would agree to publish and spread through Cleveland 50,000 copies of it, he would give them the book and the copyright.

He then explained the Tom Johnson of whom he spoke and wrote before knowing him was not "the Tom Johnson I helped carry out of the Knickerbocker apartments," referring to Mr. Johnson's death.

"Sure I said it," he said, speaking of printed extracts from the pamphlet. "I'd say it again under the right circumstances."

He took up Mr. Salen's "contract" paragraph after paragraph, terming Mr. Salen "this business man that thinks in peanuts." He said if Mr. Salen's suggestions for through service on car lines and universal fare paying systems were adopted, riders getting on a through car in the East End, bound for the Public square, would have to pay as they entered and again as they left. The crowd roared.

He spoke of the fact there were two court stenographers present taking down his speech. It seemed like old times, he said, and turning to the stenographers, said if there was anything "Charlie didn't understand or Jakie couldn't sleuth out," to come back and he'd make his statements over again.

Mayor Baker called the Democratic organization a fighting body of trained veterans. He discussed the 3-cent street car fare fight, Mr. Johnson's fight for a 2-cent steam railroad rate and for reform in the methods of valuing railroads for taxation. He spoke of the work of his administration, and the new city hall, which he said they were "building for Pete." He then urged as of utmost importance support for the Barber subway and Cleveland & Youngstown freight terminal franchises, and for the union station ordinance.

"When I step out of office and go back into the ranks with you," the mayor said, "I will have the same interest in seeing the city march toward the rising sun, and I know that can best be assured by the election of the man who stood at Tom Johnson's right hand when I stood at his left—Peter Witt."

DAVIS'D MAKE COUNTY A CITY

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PLAIN DEALER

There are several points in the platform of Harry L. Davis, one of the Republican candidates for mayor, that will give his Republican opponent, Miner G. Norton, campaign material, Norton said Friday. Norton, however, isn't going to talk about the Davis platform until he gets on the stump.

In his platform, announced at a meeting Tuesday night at the Alley Club, E. 3d st., Davis declares for joining the city and county to increase revenues without increasing taxes; maintenance of three-cent fare; further development of athletics; steady employment for workers; conservation of city finances.

At the Davis meeting, Peter Witt, Democratic organization candidate for mayor, was attacked by every speaker. His campaign speeches were called "bunk" and "vaudeville entertainments."

WITT COWARD FOR ABUSE, SAYS DAVIS

Declares Peter's Afraid to Call Him Names When He's Around.

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LEADER

Peter Witt was branded a coward by Harry L. Davis in a tent meeting at W. 38th st. and Franklin ave. last night.

"Witt called me names last night when he was among his own people that he didn't dare mention last Saturday night at Grays' armory," Davis declared. "A man who is afraid to say to another man's face what he will say when his back is turned is a coward. I don't believe in personalities and I will not indulge in them."

Davis was not hampered by questioners and went through with his entire speech without interruption. He devoted some time to answering a pamphlet issued by the administration and signed by a former employee of the city, H. W. Sisson. The pamphlet attacked Davis' administration of the office of city treasurer.

"The charge that I employed incompetent men and allowed them to 'milk the public treasury' is an absolute falsehood," he said. "The report of the state auditor at the time stated that the affairs of the office were conducted in a businesslike way and efficiently."

Davis also spoke at the Bohemian Independent Club, E. 131st st. and Union ave.; the Citizens' Cosmopolitan Club, Woodland ave. and E. 22d st.; Mulaski's hall, Ontario st. and Central ave., and Royal hall, 5217 Woodland ave.

NORTON AWAITS CANDIDATE TEST AT CITY POLLS

LEADER

In Declining Straw Vote, Suggests He and Davis Be Given First and Second Choice G. O. P. Ballots.

OCT 6 1915

BY JOHN T. BOURKE.

Suggestion that the Republican party can poll its full strength for a Republican mayor, if its members vote for both himself and Harry L. Davis by casting first choice ballots for one and second choice for the other, was made yesterday by Miner G. Norton.

Norton in a prepared statement explains why he opposed the Davis proposition for a straw vote to determine the popularity of their respective candidacies, and as a counter proposition suggested that Republicans vote only for Republicans in marking their first and second choices on the municipal ballot. His statement follows:

"Mr. Davis has suggested the question of eliminating one of the Republican candidates by a straw vote. On first thought this may seem fair to some. I believe, however, that after consideration, you will agree that a straw vote is unsatisfactory at any time, and taken now would not determine which candidate would be the stronger on election day.

"Under our charter, Republicans voting at the election can vote for me for first choice and Mr. Davis for second choice, or vice versa, and when the first and second choice votes are added together, then the Republican party will get the benefit of its entire vote. This gives an opportunity to select a mayor at the regular election, governed by the laws of Ohio and under the supervision of the regular judges and clerks of election at a time when the voters are perfectly familiar with the candidates and what they represent."

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Campaigning for organization building is being done by three candidates for mayor, Harry L. Davis, Miner G. Norton and Charles P. Salen. Peter Witt, who opened his campaign last night, will retire from the front of the stage until Saturday night, while his opponents, with the exception of Norton, will be before the footlights after today.

Witt will make no speaking engagements prior to the opening of his tent campaign Saturday. He was billed by the Democratic organization to help open the twelfth ward campaign tonight but it was announced yesterday he could not be present. Judge Maurice Bernstein has been assigned to speak with Mayor Baker and T. Alfred Fleming at this meeting, at the request of the twelfth ward leader and over the protests of other candidates for the bench of the municipal court.

Judge Bernstein was formerly the councilman from the ward and is a member of the Democratic executive committee. Witt spoke in the twelfth ward last week at an organization meeting.

Quiet work along organization lines has been done for the Davis candidacy so far this week in preparation for his campaign opening tomorrow night at the Alley Club. The Davis ward leaders will meet tonight at 714 Schofield building to select members of committees that will be named tomorrow.

Norton will not schedule any public meetings until after his debate with Peter Witt next Monday night. He will speak, however, by invitation to the Fifth Ward Republican Club, tomorrow night. A meeting of Norton supporters may be held late in the week to discuss plans for organization.

Salen is still meeting at private homes supporters forming ward organizations. He will speak tomorrow at a meeting in the thirteenth ward to be held in Brom hall, 5300 Hamm st. The Salen committee on speakers will meet this afternoon and announce the names of men who will take the stump for his candidacy.

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Copies of the state ballots to be voted at the November election were received yestrday from the secretary of state by the board of elections. The propositions to be put up to the voters of the entire state require two separate ballots.

Cleveland electors will be called upon to mark and cast eight separate ballots as follows:

For municipal officers.

For members of the board of education.

For ward tax assessors.

For judges and clerk of the municipal court.

On propositions of the school board for a $1,000,000 bond issue and to increase the tax rate for three years by one mill.

On eleven special questions submitted to the electorate by the city council.

On four proposed amendments to the state constitution.

On two legislative measures put up to Ohio electorate on referendum petitions.

In the county outside of Cleveland, except in Bay village, the voters will have seven or eight ballots to mark. In Bay there will be four ballots, the smallest number in any village or township. The cities of Lakewood and East Cleveland will each have eight ballots.

Deputy Clerk Caldwell, of the board of elections, who has supervision of the preparation of the ballots, said yesterday 2,145,500 ballots must be sent to the voting booths in Cuyahoga county. These ballots will be put up in 4,291 packages, of which 3,696 will be used in Cleveland.

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Congressman Henry I. Emerson will be the speaker at the noon luncheon today of the John Hay Club in the Cuyahoga restaurant. William H. Thomas will preside and William H. Hagen, chairman of the membership committee, will report a plan for final campaign for new members.

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The Democratic executive committee yesterday, through its chairman, former Congressman Robert J. Bulkley, sent a letter to the parents of [illegible] expressing sympathy with them in their bereavement.

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David Armstrong, candidate for councilman in the twenty-fifth ward, will address a meeting tonight at the home of E. L. Tolands, 1205 E. 112th st.

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A committee, of which J. Walter Willis is chairman, has been formed in the eleventh ward to boom the candidacy of Thomas W. Fleming for councilman.

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Joseph P. Cisan, the new state examiner of chauffers, has established offices in room 102 Engineers building.

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Lakewood electors qualified to vote last year are not required to register this year unless they have moved since the last election, in which event it is necessary to transfer to their present location. All other electors must register in order to vote at the election November 2. Special registration will be held in the election booths in Lakewood October 15 and 16 between the hours of 9 a. m. and 3 p. m., and from 5 to 10 p. m., eastern time.

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W. L. David told the Frank B. Willis Club in the Hollenden hotel last night that organization must be the basis of Republican success in Cuyahoga county.

Forty-seven members of the Sixth Ward Crosser Club met at the home of Alexander Z. Hahn, 3300 Tampa ave., last night and indorsed Charles P. Salen, antiadministration candidate, for mayor. Salen spoke.

WITT ATTACKS SALEN RECORD AS A 'TRAITOR'

Opens Campaign With Bitter 'Review' of Rival's Career.

BIG CROWD ENTHUSES

OCT 6 1915

Long Promised "Hide Removing" Is Enjoyed by Thronged Hall.

LEADER

In a scathing personal attack Peter Witt, Democratic organization candidate for mayor, last night flayed his Democratic opponent, Charles P. Salen, the least sensational of the charges made being that he was a traitor to the late Tom L. Johnson and his party.

A demonstrative audience of 4,000 members of the Democratic organization, which taxed Acme hall on E. 9th st. to its capacity and overflowed into the corridors of the building, was made ready for the Witt attack by Chairman Robert J. Bulkley and Mayor Newton D. Baker.

Baker Lauds Witt.

The latter declared that while he stood at Tom L. Johnson's left hand Witt stood at his right, while Bulkley told the organization, in introducing its candidate, "you will now listen to the finish of Mr. Salen."

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Tells His "History."

Witt then gave what he termed the political history of Salen.

"He was raised near where I was born on the West Side," he said. "I remember him as city clerk. If anybody wants to know what kind of a clerk he was, let him go to the city hall and examine the records. He was clerk two years, then out two years, and clerk again. Then he was clerk for the election board till 1893 when he became a candidate for mayor at the primarits and was tied to the post."

Witt charged that when Mayor Blee was a candidate for renomination in 1895 Salen promised to nominate a man named Williams. Williams, he said, was sold out by Salen for the Blee indorsement for postmaster.

"Blee's friends tried to make good for his renomination," Witt said, "but Senator Calvin Brice recommended Judge John C. Hutchins for postmaster, whereupon Salen betrayed Blee and stuck the knife of a traitor in him at the election. He got from the McKisson administration the contract for serving meat at the workhouse.

More "Betrayals."

"Two years later John Farley was knifed by Salen and Charlie was given Carl Nau's place as Democratic member of the election board. At the next election Salen went back on McKisson and supported Farley, who made him city auditor.

"In 1899 the unspeakable Johnnie McLean, with two barrels, was a candidate for governor, and after trying two other organizers, picked up Salen. I don't know the amount, but his dear and near friends say he got $6,000. When I accused him of being a poltroon and boodle dispenser for McLean, they said he never spent any of it.

"In 1901 he bade farewell to Farley and tried to make people believe he brought Tom L. Johnson here to run for mayor. Johnson made him director of public works, and made a mistake. Johnson was asked by L. A. Russell what Salen knew about the job, and replied, 'Nothing. I'm going to run it.'

"Salen says he is the father of Sunday baseball. Why, Sunday baseball was played here when I was a kid seven years old."

Calls Johnson a Victim.

Witt charges that Salen double-crossed Johnson at the Democratic state convention in 1904 and had himself elected a delegate-at-large to the national convention at St. Louis, where he voted also as the delegate from the twentieth district. When a candidate for re-election as county clerk, Witt said, Salen ran on an anti-fee platform and after election lobbied at Columbus for the retention of the fee system.

Referring to the campaign in 1907, when, he said, "Tom Johnson and the unmarried icicle were candidates," Witt turned aside to remark that he understood Senator Burton was a candidate for President and then added: "The day is past when bachelors and icehouses can be elected presidents."

He charged that in this campaign Salen put council candidates in the field against the men Johnson wanted elected.

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"In 1908," Witt continued, "Tom Johnson sent this word to Salen, 'You are opposed to me and will oppose me next year.' I wanted Tom to kill off Salen then, but he said he didn't want too many fights on his hands.

"In 1910 a precinct captain asked Salen to sign a Johnson petition, but he refused, saying another candidate might enter. Another did—old Doc Walz. And they lined up Democrats for Walz. They couldn't defeat Tom any other way."

He charged that Mayor Baehr appointed Andrew Lea, a Democrat, as director of public service through Salen.

He attacked Salen for joining the "glue Democracy" against Cox, and blamed the anti-Cox Democrats for the election of Governor Willis.

"Dan Hanna," he said, "tried to elect a boy mayor two years ago. I got in this race early. Then the boy got in, and then another. Dan Hanna didn't think two Republicans could lick a Democrat and then he put in Salen. Hanna has the barrel."

Witt then read from the book he wrote years ago his criticisms of Tom L. Johnson, and said he would give Salen the copyright and privilege to reprint it if he would print and circulate 50,000 copies. In closing, Witt said: "I'm through with Salen tonight. I'll finish with my other opponents some other night. I'll take up Dan Hanna another night and then I'll devote my campaign to things I'll accomplish during my two years in office."

CANDIDATES TO THROW ON HIGH SPEED MONDAY

Spellbinders Will Be Out in Force; Davis' Speaking Schedule for Two Weeks to Be Planned Today.

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TODAY'S POLITICAL CALENDAR

Davis meetings, evening—Dukat hall, Sackett ave. and W. 31st st.; Lincoln Heights Republican Club, Auburn ave. and W. 14th st.; Sixth Ward Republican Club, W. 25th st. and Denison ave.; speakers, Harry L. Davis and others.

Sixteenth Ward Willis Republican Club, evening—Ivan's hall, E. 92d st. and Broadway.

Democratic organization meetings, evening—Silvestro's hall, Fairmount and Woodhill rds.; speakers, Joseph Hostetler and others; Herman's hall, Vega ave., speakers, Arthur Young, Peter Henry and others.

Salen meeting, evening — Thirteenth Ward Salen Nonpartisan Club, Vaclav Brom hall, 5300 Hamm ave.; speakers, Charles P. Salen, Herbert Jones and others.

Socialist meetings, evening—Woodland ave. and E. 40th st., speaker, C. E. Ruthenberg; Kinsman rd. and E. 71st st., speaker, Tom Clifford; Madison ave. and W. 98th st., speaker, Joseph E. Robb.

BY JOHN T. BOURKE.

Political spell-binding will be at the front in Cleveland next week when the speaking campaigns of candidates for municipal office will be started in earnest.

Plans for a two weeks' speaking campaign will be made today by the committee appointed last night to look after the details of Harry L. Davis' canvass for the office of mayor. Davis, who will be the chairman of his general committee and manage his own campaign, will meet with the departmental committees during the day at his headquarters, 714 Schofield building. It is expected that several meetings will be held every night beginning next Monday and continuing until November 1.

Davis, however, will not wait until next week to start his stumping tour of the wards. Tonight he will speak at meetings in the fifth, sixth and seventh wards. At the 6th ward meeting in the hall of the Woodmen of the World, Councilman Clayton Towns and M. C. Portman will speak with him.

Tomorrow night Davis will address the Eagle Republican Club in its rooms on Hamm ave., near Broadway. Sunday he will attend the clambake of the Cleveland Republican Club in its park in Linndale. He will speak also at Malaska's hall, Central ave. and Ontario st., at 3:30 p. m. and to the Slavish-American Club at Stoke's hall in the evening.

Miner G. Norton, the other Republican aspirant for mayor, will be the last of the candidates for city executive to start his campaign on the stump. Announcement of his plans for the campaign will likely be deferred until after his debate with Peter Witt next Monday.

While Peter Witt, the Democratic organization candidate for mayor, has declined to speak at ward meetings until after tomorrow night, when he opens his West Side campaign in a tent on W. 38th st., opposite Siam ave., plans have been made to keep him talking all of next week.

From Tuesday until Friday, both included, he will address tent meetings on the West Side. On Monday he will debate with Norton in a tent pitched on Payne ave. and on the Saturday following his caravan will return to the East Side for a week's engagement.

Charles P. Salen goes into the thirteenth ward tonight to address one of the few open meetings he has thus far held. The thirteenth ward is looked upon as good fighting ground because of alleged disaffection in the ranks of the Democratic organization there over the indorsement of Councilman Votava for re-election by the Democratic executive committee. The plans for Salen meetings next week have not been completed.

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Speakers at the meeting of the Tippecanoe Club tomorrow evening will discuss the question of what can be done for the unification of the Republican party in Cleveland. It is not purposed that the discussion will have to do with the present local campaign but with the future of the Republican party. One thousand post cards asking present and former members of the club to attend were mailed last night by the club.

William H. Boyd, John A. Cline, Francis W. Treadway, Harry L. Vail, Paul Howland, James B. Ruhl, W. L. David, Professor M. M. Curtis and others are on the list of speakers. The ex-presidents of the club, old officers and members will be called upon to tell of the organization in former years. A cabaret entertainment has been arranged by the committee.

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All candidates for mayor are to be quizzed by a committee of the Industrial Association of Cleveland. Secretary Edward Hobday has sent letters to the mayoralty candidates asking them to confer with a subcommittee of the executive committee of the association on matters pertaining to their respective candidates.

The same questions, it is understood, will have to do with his attitude toward legitimate business enterprise, law enforcement and kindred subjects. The association numbers in its membership about 625 manufacturers and men engaged in mercantile pursuits.

LABOR PROMISED SQUARE DEAL BY WITT IF ELECTED

Club, Recently Organized by Union Men, Hears Mayoralty Candidate Laud Man Who Toils.

New Organization Springs Into Limelight as Factor by Working Men to Aid Democrats.

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SPEAKER SAYS HE'LL BE IN COURT FOR TOILER

All's Set for Big Democratic Rally Tomorrow Night in Acme Hall.

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BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Peter Witt yesterday afternoon pledged to the cause of those who labor his continued support to the full extent of his executive power if elected mayor of Cleveland.

Smashing across the table at which he stood his declaration to persist in the fight "of those who believe the golden days are just ahead, of those who struggle that they who produce may enjoy the products of their toil," the candidate drew roars of applause from an assemblage of labor union men and labor sympathizers who crowded the assembly room of the American house.

And with the meeting the Peter Witt Labor club, organized quietly through the past weeks by men prominent in the labor movement in Cleveland, who have worked unceasingly, but without publicity, sprang into the limelight as a significant campaign factor. It has been kept a secret until attaining full growth, and now its weight suddenly is hurled into the fight.

Enrolled in its membership are representatives of practically every union in Cleveland, as well as men of trades that are not organized. State Senator James S. Kennedy is its president. James F. Malley, custodian of the Cleveland Federation of Labor, is treasurer. Headquarters have been established in the American house.

Reflects Labor's Interest.

Yesterday's meeting was unannounced outside the enrollment of the club, yet the great room in which it was held was filled. From the Witt camp the meeting and the entrance in the campaign of the Peter Witt Labor club are regarded as a demonstration that the strength of the ranks of labor is swinging to Witt for mayor.

Candidate Witt, presented yesterday afternoon by State Senator Kennedy as "one of our own," spoke of his long connection with the organized labor movement, beginning with the time of his affiliation with the old Knights of Labor when he was 17.

He said he never had tried to make use of his past in the labor movement to assist him toward future accomplishments. The battle of those who produce to bring nearer the day when they shall enjoy the products of their toil is "as old as the ages," he said, asserting "and it will continue until those who labor manage

DAVIS DENIES HE THREATENED TO SPLIT PARTY

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Mackenzie Makes Charge After Davis Leaves Tippecanoe Club Reception.

Harry L. Davis denied Monday he ever had asserted he would "split the republican organization all to pieces" rather than step aside this year for some other mayoralty candidate.

The charge was made at the Tippecanoe club's reception of candidates Saturday night by P. A. Mackenzie, a supporter of Miner G. Norton, the other republican candidate for mayor.

The reception grew so stormy that at the close of Davis' speech Congressman Emerson, presiding, called for music to stop the shouts and challenges of Davis and Norton backers.

A tenor soloist sang "Mother Machree," and at the end of two stanzas order was restored so the meeting could continue.

Split Over Prospects.

Republican speakers split widely on the prospects for a G. O. P. victory this fall.

Fred Kohler, former police chief and candidate for muny court clerk, pleaded with the meeting to "stop this talk about somebody withdrawing."

Mackenzie then got up and said: "We cannot win with two candidates in the race."

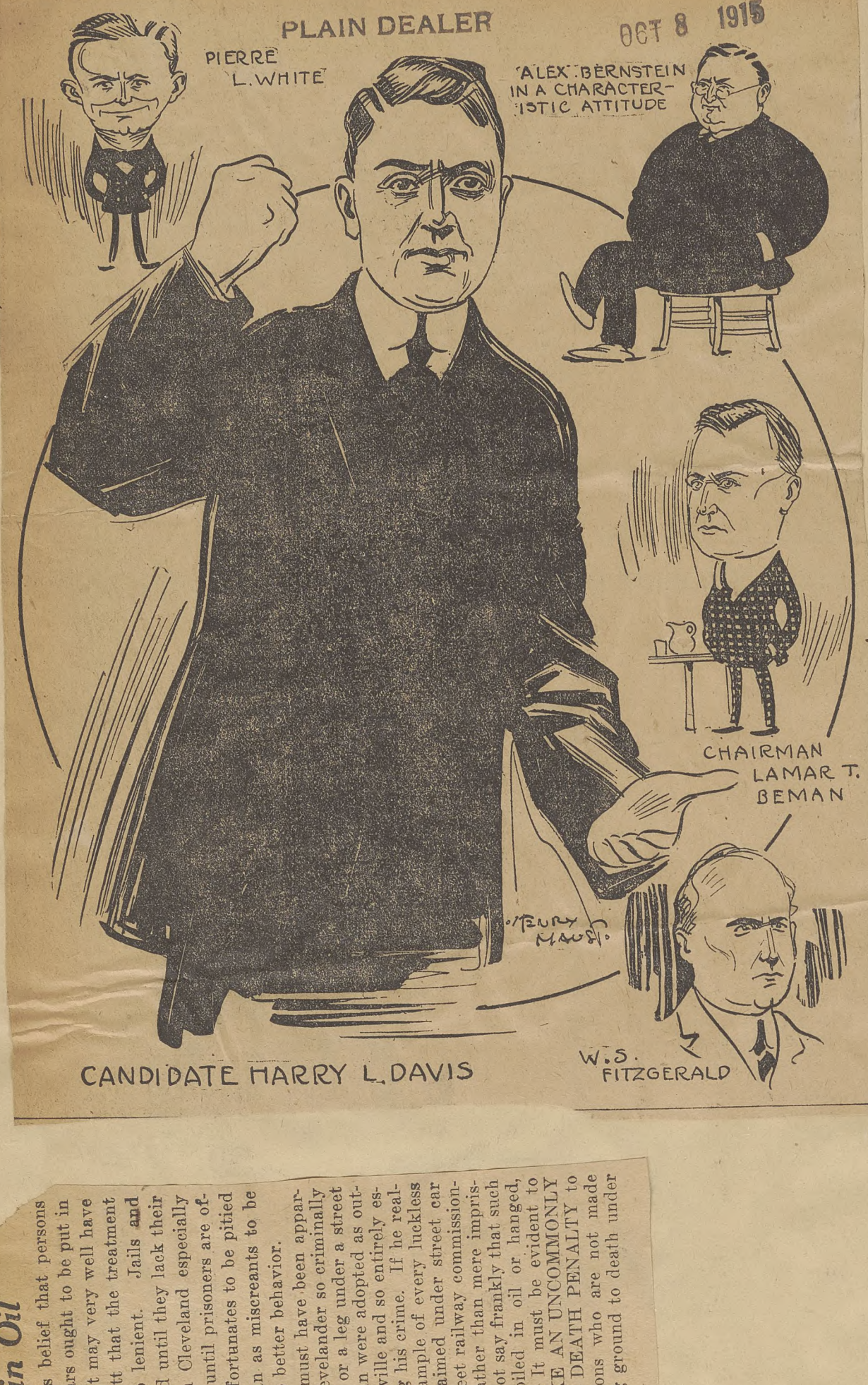
"I am a friend of Davis and of Norton. But I must say as between the two I'm for Norton in this fight. I went to Davis before this campaign opened and told him if he'd step aside this year he'd come up so strong in two years that nobody could beat him.

"His reply was that after leading the losing fight for the party two years ago, he would split the republican organization all to pieces rather than step out."

"Mackenzie didn't dare say that until after I had left the meeting!" said Davis Monday.

In his speech Davis again asserted he'd "like to see Mr. Norton out of the race," and also repeated his offer for a poll to determine which candidate should withdrawn. Norton declined, saying: "That would be no test of strength."

LEADERS AT INAUGURAL OF DAVIS CAMPAIGN



What Salen Has Done.

Editor Plain Dealer—Sir: What frills is Charlie Salen going to do away with when he is mayor of this town?

What does each frill, so done away with, cost?

Out of what fund is said cost paid?

The only frill that Salen has done away with is the addition of $100,000,000 of land value in the central portion of the city to the tax duplicate. The doing away with this frill saddles upon the home owners, the merchants and manufacturers for at least one more year a million and a half of taxes.

The owners of the untaxed $20,000,000 of land value that has come into existence between the Soldiers' monument and E. 14th-st on Euclid-av, ought to rally to Salen to a man (including the widows and orphans). He has saved them $300,000 in cash that other folks will have to pay.

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BAKER'S METHODS HIT BY NORTON

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Filtration Plant and System of Garbage Disposal Draw Candidate's Fire.

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The City's new filtration plant and methods of disposing of garbage drew the fire of Miner G. Norton, candidate for mayor, last night when he spoke before 200 members of the Fifth Ward Republican Club. He also rapped the Baker administration's methods of handling city finance.

"The intercepting sewer which I helped start has never been finished," he said. "Instead, we have a filtration plant to take the filth out of the lake after we have dumped it in. And the contractors who put up the plant received a $65,000 bonus for completing it on time. Although the plant has been up but a short time there is a crack, in places two feet wide, running the length of the floor and into the walls of the plant."

Norton scored the administration for importing garbage from Detroit to experiment on here. He declared Director of Service Sidlo boasted of the garbage experiments at a meeting of West Side business men recently.

Frederick P. Walthers and Victor J. Conrad, candidates for municipal judge, and William Delaney, candidate for councilman, were the other speakers.

Boiling in Oil

SINCE he enunciated his belief that persons run down by street cars ought to be put in jail for their carelessness, it may very well have occurred to Candidate Witt that the treatment he recommends is far too lenient. Jails and prisons have reformed until they lack their old-time terror. Here in Cleveland especially has the reform proceeded until prisoners are officially looked upon as unfortunates to be pitied and pampered, rather than as miscreants to be punished and coerced into better behavior.

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On second thought it must have been apparent to Mr. Witt that a Clevelander so criminally careless as to lose an arm or a leg under a street car might, if the Witt plan were adopted as outlined, be sent to Warrensville and so entirely escape punishment befitting his crime. If he really wishes to make an example of every luckless man, woman or child maimed under street car wheels, why does the street railway commissioner not advocate death rather than mere imprisonment? Why does he not say frankly that such persons ought to be boiled in oil or hanged, drawn and quartered? It must be evident to him that IT WILL TAKE AN UNCOMMONLY HORRIBLE FORM OF DEATH PENALTY to inspire caution in persons who are not made careful by fear of being ground to death under the cars.

DAVIS WOULD JOIN COUNTY TO CITY TO PREVENT DEFICITS

Mayoralty Candidate in Platform Advocates Remaking Cuyahoga Into Greater Cleveland.

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Witt is Called 'Mud Slinger,' 'Overpaid Vaudeville Artist;' His Name Linked With Bryan.

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FITZGERALD SPEAKS OF DEMOCRATIC DYNASTY

Says Rattling Tom L. Johnson's Bones Won't Avail in Campaign.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Harry L. Davis last night announced a campaign platform proposing consolidation of the city and county governments by establishing Cleveland as a new county, to make available for city purposes money now paid over to the county.

The platform was issued at a meeting in the Alley club, E. 3d-st which marked the launching of th candidate's campaign for mayor.

By his suggested consolidation of governments, Mr. Davis says he would answer the question of obtaining additional money for public needs without increasing the tax rate or issuing bonds. The platform calls the conditions of public finances the greatest problem confronting Cleveland.

Incidental to the opening of Mr. Davis' second fight for mayor was the christening of Peter Witt by his opponents with a batch of new names.

Call Witt 'Mud Slinger.'

Every speaker swung right and left at the street railway commissioner and administration candidate. He was accused of having no asset bu "mud-slinging."

Councilman W. S. FitzGerald, minority floor leader in council, declared Mr. Witt every two years cam out "with an inferior burlesqu which might properly be calle 'Bunk.'"

"I think he is one of the most over paid vaudeville artists on the Ameri can stage," said Mr. FitzGerald "Confidentially speaking, the per formance is not worth the price o admission. I think the team o Bryan & Witt would be a grea drawing card."

The councilman declared the city has been ruled by a "Democrati dynasty which looks on public offic as a combination of health, life an accident insurance." He said th "scepter" had been handed to "heir apparent Baker," that "heir-apparen Witt" was in training and that afte them he supposed they'd have "heir apparent Haserodt or heir-presumptive Sidlo."

Calls 'Graveyard Time' Past.

"This time," he cried, "it will not avail them to bring out the shroud of Tom L. Johnson and wave it 'round as an attraction for votes. It is time the man selected to rule over this city gets beyond the graveyard and the rattling of a dead man's bones, and comes out squarely upon an honest platform, not on the dim and vague record of the past."

Pierre A. White, another speaker, said Mr. Davis, "without the aid of the check books of big interests," had within $2,000 of sufficient money to conduct his campaign, and that he would make the fight "without a rope around his neck." He declared Mr. Davis would take office "not owing anything to anybody."

Mr. White asked, "Who is this Witt? Where did he come from—and why?" He accused President John J. Stanley of the Cleveland Railway Co. of being for Mr. Witt because he wanted three-cent fare to fail, that the idea of low fare might not spread and affect other parts of the country where the speaker said Mr. Stanley has railroad interests.

Mr. White charged that Mr. Witt "is fitting exactly into Mr. Stanley's schemes." He paid his compliments to Mr. Witt by calling him a "two by four, half-penny politician," and said he would "just as soon see and hear Pete as Eddie Foy or Eva Tanguay, or any good attraction."

"He and Baker," said Mr. White, "are going along claiming credit for everything from the increased birthrate to the bend in the Cuyahoga river."

Councilman Alex Bernstein predicted election of Mr. Davis and said "the Republicans in council have been the real nonpartisans, while the Democratic members have been bitter partisans."

Councilman Harry G. Gr...

Mr. Davis would carry the East End, and called Peter Witt a "coward" for not having taken up his (Gahn's) challenge to "have it out somewhere else" the night Mr. Witt assailed the councilman at a council meeting.

Lamar T. Beman presided at the meeting. W. J. Hart and A. J. Hirstius, former sheriff, were called on to speak. Candidate Davis announced he would be his own committee chairman and head his own fight.

Just before announcing his platform, Mr. Davis said there was one candidate who "each night is telling how he'll skin another candidate the next night."

"The skinning will be Nov. 2," he said, "and the people will take every inch of hide off this same candidate."

The Davis platform strikes about the same note as to "rigid economy" in expenditure of public funds that Mr. Davis emphasized in his fight in 1913.

This is what the candidate has to say, after pledging economy if elected, on the consolidation of the city and county governments:

> Second only in importance to public economy is the question of securing additional money for public needs without increasing the tax rate or mortgaging the future by issuing bonds.
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> For this purpose I propose consolidation of the city and county governments by erecting the city of Cleveland into a new county, and placing upon its officers the duties now performed by county officials. This plan can be accomplished through simple legislative enactment, and will make available for the city taxpayer for use for city purposes, over $1,000,000 annually, now paid for support of the county government.

Under the head of "efficient public service," Mr. Davis says he reiterates his "belief that clean and well paved streets, adequate fire and police protection, pure water, well managed public institutions and places of recreation, prompt and thorough service, and value for every dollar spent are the essence of sound municipal government."

Calling the present condition of city pavements "deplorable," Mr. Davis proposes a rearrangement of the division of engineering and the street repair department, and promises, if elected, "to place this department under control of a high-class engineer."

Mr. Davis advocates "strict regulation and control" of privately owned public utilities rather than municipal ownership. In this connection he assails the work of the municipal light plant, charging there is in effect a "policy of undue discrimination in favor of the large consumer of power." He advocates "furnishing water to all consumers at cost."

Regarding street railways, Mr. Davis says: "Three-cent fare should be maintained within the terms and spirit of the Tayler grant. The last raise in fare and a further increase now threatened could, in my opinion, have been avoided by closer supervision of expenditures by the street railway company." This was accepted as a shot at Street Railway Commissioner Peter Witt, administration candidate for mayor.

Mr. Davis repeated his stand already announced of favoring small parks in congested districts and proposes a "comprehensive plan" to carry out this idea if elected.

For the purpose, the platform says, of conserving the lake front "for the interests of the public in a more c reful manner," Mr. Davis proposes a governmental river and harbor division.

The candidate says he "unqualifiedly insists" upon "compliance with the neglected requirement of our charter for a continuous audit" of city books. He reiterates his advocacy of an amendment to the charter for an elective director of finance. The director now is appointed by the mayor.

His other aims Mr. Davis expl...s as follows:

> The further development of athletics and clean sport recreation should be encouraged.
>
> I believe in public policies that experience has shown will not interfere with normal business conditions, but will continue prosperity and foster commercial activities.
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> In so far as is possible I will, as mayor, work to create local conditions so that labor will have good and steady employment and capital a fair return on its investment.
>
> Within the ensuing two years many of our municipal problems will demand solution. To decide them wisely will require all that any individual may possess of ability, patience and courage.
>
> In place of personal ambition and future preferment, the executive must, if he is wise and honest, substitute real service; a service that will conserve public finances, lessen the burden of the worker, the home owner and taxpayer and make possible that unretarded progress and prosperity which is the birthright of our great city.
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> To the fulfillment of these tasks, with unselfish fidelity I pledge myself if elected.

These chairmen of committees were announced at the meeting: General organization, Judge Fielder Sanders; publicity, W. H. Thomas; labor organization, J. W. Hart, president of the Cleveland Federation of Labor; finance, H. W. Brandt; speakers, H. G. Schaibly.

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SALEN EXPLAINS USE OF HIS NAME ON SCORE CARD

Charles P. Salen at a ward meeting in McKee's hall, 6701 Madison-av, explained Monday night how his name appeared on Brookside park score cards Sunday. The cards were criticised because they hadn't union labels.

"Some well-meaning friends had my name put on the score cards intending to surprise me," he said. "I knew nothing about them."

POLITICIANS OFFER HEADLINERS TODAY

Four Candidates for Mayor Will Dine at Builders' Exchange at Noon.

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Witt and Norton to Clash in Democratic Tent at Debate Tonight.

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BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Two headline political attractions are set for today. Beginning this noon the week is to be one of hard and heavy campaigning for all the candidates for mayor. Election day is but three weeks from tomorrow.

This noon Candidates Peter Witt, Harry L. Davis, Miner G. Norton and Charles P. Salen will face each other at the same board for the first time since the fight opened, at a luncheon meeting in the Builders Exchange rooms, Chamber of Commerce building. The meeting will be for exchange members only.

Tonight Peter Witt and Miner G. Norton meet in debate in the Democratic tent at Payne-av N. E. and E. 19th-st. The debate is the result of a challenge issued by Mr. Witt some weeks ago at the liquor dealers' outing at Luna park. The challenge was to all candidates, but only Mr. Norton accepted.

Mr. Witt has announced an intention of "finishing off" both Mr. Norton and Mr. Davis tonight, and with the assertion that he "finished" Mr. Salen last Tuesday night, declares he will drop all mention of his three opponents from tomorrow on, giving his entire attention to presenting his program.

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Witt campaign activities for the week began yesterday afternoon with a meeting of the Peter Witt Labor club in the assembly room of the American house, when the club planned a new campaign blow for the street railway commissioner.

It was announced that a labor mass meeting under auspices of the club would be held in one of the armories or large downtown halls the last week of October in behalf of Candidate Witt, and that international union officials were expected as speakers.

It was further announced that beginning next Monday, daily noon meetings will be held by the labor club, at shops, on street corners and everywhere else that the gospel of "Witt for mayor" can be preached by union labor speakers.

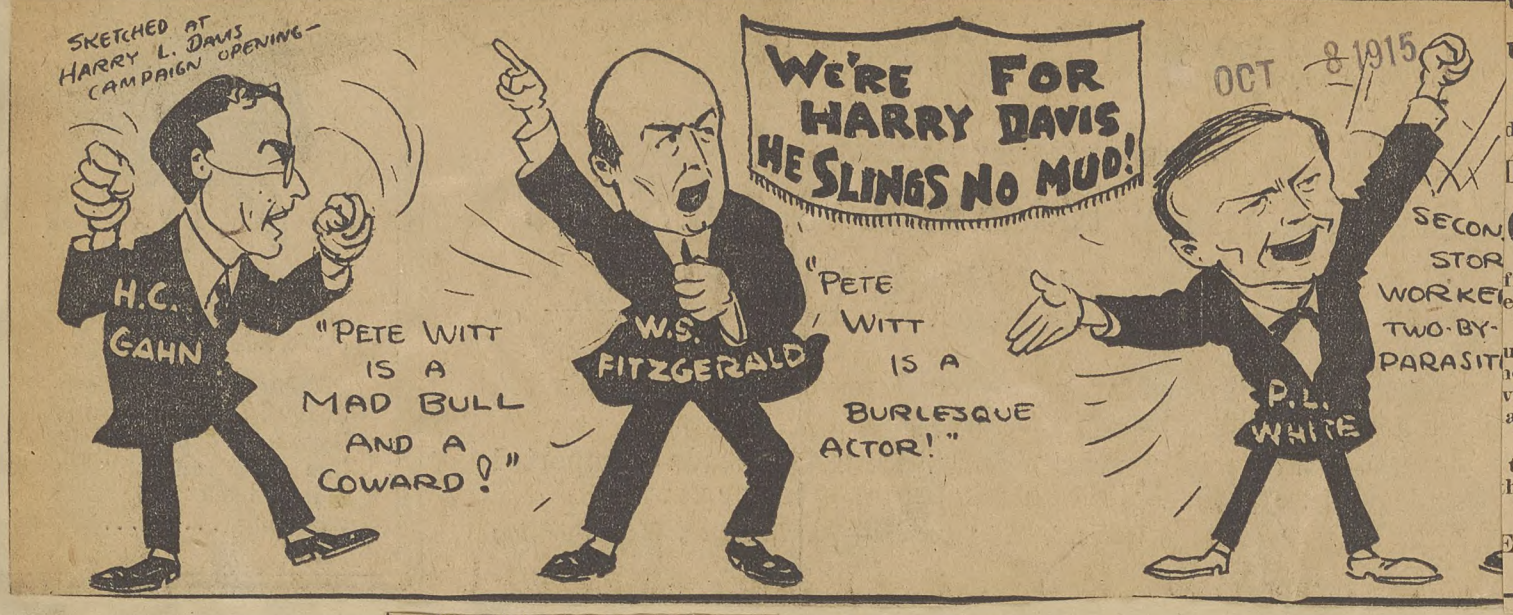
"We want it clearly understood that we have no political quarrel with anyone," James F. Malley, club treasurer said yesterday.

"We are backing Peter Witt because he is a labor union man. We are behind him as labor union men. He is a man in whom we believe and have implicit confidence."

It was stated at the club's headquarters that representatives of 90 per cent. of the labor unions of Cleveland are enrolled in the membership of the Peter Witt Labor club.

The club will push the Witt campaign with a pamphlet being prepared

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3-CENT LIGHT IS "PIZEN" TO HARRY DAVIS

Candidate Swings Hard His Hammer on Muny Ownership —He's for Private Kind.

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NOW AS TO MUD-SLINGING

Harry's Boys Call Pete Witt Coward, Mad Bull, Second-Story Worker, Parasite.

PRESS

Harry L. Davis, mayoralty candidate, was flatly on record Friday as opposed to municipal ownership of public utilities.

The muny light plant has reduced electric light rates from 10 cents to 3 cents for many citizens, and according to Pete Witt will eventually provide 3-cent light for all citizens.

Davis announced his position in his platform given Thursday night at the Alley club.

What Davis Says.

Here is what Davis says upon the subject of 3-cent light:

"Under present city financial conditions, I favor strict regulation and control of privately owned public utilities rather than municipal purchase and operation.

"In this connection I cite the municipal light plant, which has cost the taxpayers nearly three millions of dollars, the bonds for which are now a lien against the tax revenue of the city. It was established with a view to furnishing the public with cheap light and power for domestic purposes. It should be conducted in the interest of the home owner and tax payer. The present policy of undue discrimination in favor of the large consumer of power is indefensible.

"I favor the removal of the plant from politics and its operation on a self-supporting basis."

They Hop On Pete.

The announcing of the platform was the formal opening of Davis' campaign. Four speakers hopped upon Pete Witt with both feet. They called him a "mud-slinger." And here are a few other things they said:

Councilman Gahn: Witt is a mud-slinger and a mad Jersey bull in a pasture field. He's a coward because he declined my challenge to "have it out" after he called me a "damned fool" and a "liar" in council meeting several weeks ago.

Lamar T. Beman, chairman of the meeting: Witt is a scandalmonger and a mud-flinger.

Councilman FitzGerald: Gabber! Heir apparent to the throne. Cheap burlesque actor not worth the price of admission.

Pierre, How Can You?

Attorney Pierre A. White: People are afraid of Pete Witt just the same as they are afraid of a second-story worker. He's the worst political parasite that ever fed on the people of Cleveland. He's a two-by-four, half-penny politician who never earned a decent dollar in his life; an incompetent milker who ought to be kicked into the gutter with the rest of the city hall crowd.

Each speaker stated: "I am opposed to mud-slinging; I do not believe in it! BUT—"

Davis allowed himself a brief introduction, then confined himself to the issues he made public in his platform.

Davis Promises Economy.

"Peter Witt is telling each night how he's going to skin some other candidate alive the next night," said Davis. "But the main skinning will take place on Nov. 2, when the people of Cleveland will take every bit of hide off the skinner."

Davis' platform is made up largely of questions he made issues in his campaign against Mayor Baker two years ago.

Second only to a policy of economy "that will prevent the necessity for further deficiency bond issues," he makes his proposal to consolidate the city and county governments to obtain more money without increasing the tax rate.

Davis would do this "by erecting the city into a new county and placing upon its officers the duties now performed by county officials. This plan will make available for the city taxpayer for city use over $1,000,000 annually now paid for the support of the county government."

Three-cent fare should be maintained, Davis said, "by closer supervision of street railway expenditures."

He came out for small parks in thickly-settled districts; city control of the lakefront from the Cuyahoga river to Gordon park by a city street and muny railroad along the coast; a continuous audit of city finances; further development of athletics and recreation; cleaner, better paved and lighted streets and more police and fire protection.

Calls Him Heir-Apparent.

FitzGerald drew long applause by his statement that "the democratic dynasty is threatening the republican form of government.

"Tom Johnson handed the throne to heir-apparent Baker, who is now helping to prime heir-apparent Witt to succeed him; Crown Prince Haserodt (county clerk) is next in line, and then heir-presumptive Sidlo (service director)."

Fitzgerald asserted also:

"This time it won't avail them to bring out the shroud of Tom L. Johnson and wave it around as an attraction for votes. It's time we got away from the cemetery and quit rattling dead men's bones."

Councilman Bernstein said the majority of councilmen are never allowed to vote for themselves, but are directed to by the mayor.

Beman called civil service as it is now administered "a mockery."

White said John Stanley, Concon president, is for Witt because Witt has permitted the railway company to make such large expenditures that three-cent fare is menaced.

White asserted that "Mayor Baker and Witt claim credit for everything from the increased birth rate to the bend in the Cuyahoga river."

Pete Witt said Friday that Davis' plan to unite the city and county governments is not a new one.

"It has been advocated all over the country for years," he added. "The time is coming when the county government will disappear."

CITY'S HOLSTEINS STILL PUT OUT TO HELP WITT

Aristocratic Warrensville Holsteins Saturday still were being put through weekly milk tests. But while members of the herd that so far have been tested have shown a good milk yield, no records have been broken, Charities Commissioner Winans said.

In squads of five or six the Holsteins are led to the test barn, crammed with a patent milk stimulating preparation and milked every six hours in the week. Thus the Holsteins, like all good Democrats, have yielded their 1 per cent toward Tractioner Witt's campaign fund.

CHECK UP AUTOS THEN POLICEMAN CHECKS CHECKER

NEWS

To prevent city hall officeholders joy riding nights in their city-owned automobiles, night watchmen at city garages now check up the machines and they in turn are checked up by patrolmen. Also waterworks officials have inaugurated the checking system in their garage on Rockwell ave. directly back of city hall.

"By having watchmen keep tab of machines and patrolmen check up the watchmen we have a system without a loophole," declared Service Director Sidlo Saturday. "There's not one chance in a thousand now that a city hall man can joyride at night in his city machine."

Here is a part of the rules Deputy Water Commissioner Jaeger has had posted in the waterworks garage:

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PRESS

Harry L. Davis, mayoralty candidate, was flatly on record Friday as opposed to municipal ownership of public utilities.

The muny light plant has reduced electric light rates from 10 cents to 3 cents for many citizens, and according to Pete Witt will eventually provide 3-cent light for all citizens.

Davis announced his position in his platform given Thursday night at the Alley club.

What Davis Says.

Here is what Davis says upon the subject of 3-cent light:

"Under present city financial conditions, I favor strict regulation and control of privately owned public utilities rather than municipal purchase and operation.

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"I favor the removal of the plant from politics and its operation on a self-supporting basis."

They Hop On Pete.

The announcing of the platform was the formal opening of Davis' campaign. Four speakers hopped upon Pete Witt with both feet. They called him a "mud-slinger." nd here a few other things ey said:

Councilman Gahn: Witt is a mud-slinger and a mad Jersey bull in a pasture field. He's a coward because he declined my challenge to "have it out" after he called me a "damned fool" and a "liar" in council meeting several weeks ago.

Lamar T. Beman, chairman of the meeting: Witt is a scandalmonger and a mud-flinger.

Councilman FitzGerald: Gabber! Heir apparent to the throne. Cheap burlesque actor not worth the price of admission.

Pierre, How Can You?

Attorney Pierre A. White: People are afraid of Pete Witt just the same as they are afraid of a second-story worker. He's the worst political parasite that ever fed on the people of Cleveland. He's a two-by-four, half-penny politician who never earned a decent dollar in his life; an incompetent milker who ought to be kicked into the gutter with the rest of the city hall crowd.

Each speaker stated: "I am opposed to mud-slinging; I do not believe in it! BUT—"

Davis allowed himself a brief introduction, then confined himself to the issues he made public in his platform.

Davis Promises Economy.

"Peter Witt is telling each night how he's going to skin some other candidate alive the next night," said Davis. "But the main skinning will take place on Nov. 2, when the people of Cleveland will take every bit of hide off the skinner."

Davis' platform is made up largely of questions he made issues in his campaign against Mayor Baker two years ago.

Second only to a policy of economy "that will prevent the necessity for further deficiency bond issues," he makes his proposal to consolidate the city and county governments to obtain more money without increasing the tax rate.

Davis would do this "by erecting the city into a new county and placing upon its officers the duties now performed by county officials. This plan will make available for the city taxpayer for city use over $1,000,000 annually now paid for the support of the county government."

Three-cent fare should be maintained, Davis said, "by closer supervision of street railway expenditures."

He came out for small parks in thickly-settled districts; city control of the lakefront from the Cuyahoga river to Gordon park by a city street and muny railroad along the coast; a continuous audit of city finances; further development of athletics and recreation; cleaner, better paved and lighted streets and more police and fire protection.

Calls Him Heir-Apparent.

FitzGerald drew long applause by his statement that "the democratic dynasty is threatening the republican form of government.

"Tom Johnson handed the throne to heir-apparent Baker, who is now helping to prime heir-apparent Witt to succeed him; Crown Prince Haserodt (county clerk) is next in line, and then heir-presumptive Sidlo (service director)."

Fitzgerald asserted also:

"This time it won't avail them to bring out the shroud of Tom L. Johnson and wave it around as an attraction for votes. It's time we got away from the cemetery and quit rattling dead men's bones."

Councilman Bernstein said the majority of councilmen are never allowed to vote for themselves, but are directed to by the mayor.

Beman called civil service as it is now administered "a mockery."

White said John Stanley, Concon president, is for Witt because Witt has permitted the railway company to make such large expenditures that three-cent fare is menaced.

White asserted that "Mayor Baker and Witt claim credit for everything from the increased birth rate to the bend in the Cuyahoga river."

Pete Witt said Friday that Davis' plan to unite the city and county governments is not a new one.

"It has been advocated all over the country for years," he added. "The time is coming when the county government will disappear."

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In squads of five or six the Holsteins are led to the test barn, crammed with a patent milk stimulating preparation and milked every six hours in the week. Thus the Holsteins, like all good Democrats, have yielded their 1 per cent toward Tractioner Witt's campaign fund.

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PRESIDENT AS FIANC

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Republicans in Norton's Own Ward Switch Allegiance as Tumult Reigns.

PLAIN DEALER

Witt at Opening of Meetings in Tent Tonight Promises Fight.

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At the end of a stormy debate precipitated by an address by Minor G. Norton, candidate for mayor, and while Mr. Norton was still in the room, the Eighth Ward Republican club last night voted to indorse Harry L. Davis for mayor. Mr. Norton lives in the eighth ward and has been a member of the club many years.

After the meeting, which did not break up until nearly midnight and until the lights were turned out on the crowd, W. C. Bracken, a Norton supporter, claimed the vote was unfair and that but twenty of seventy who are said to have voted, are bona fide members of the club. Davis supporters claimed the vote was about 6 to 1 in favor of their candidate.

According to Mr. Bracken the club has but eleven paid members. He named them as Mr. Norton, W. J. Hart, Richard Fergus, Joseph Riley, Bernard Masterson, Ladd Krecji, Daniel Sullivan, president; Martin Friel, treasurer; Mr. Bracken, Patrick Hays and former Councilman Burke.

Mr. Bracken pointed out that Mr. Hayes, who made the original Davis indorsement motion last week when Candidate Davis addressed the club, last night tried to have the motion laid over until next week, claiming not all the members were present. According to Mr. Bracken, the Norton supporters went home early, thinking no action would be taken until next week. The motion had already been laid over a week.

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The tent meetings of Peter Witt start tonight when canvas will be spread on the W. 38th-st playground, opposite Siam-av S. W. Tonight the fight which has been conducted indoors by Peter Witt will be transferred to the open air and will be kept there for the remainder of the campaign.

Tonight's meeting will be presided over by Judge John H. Clarke of the United States district court. Mayor Newton D. Baker will speak with Mr. Witt.

Peter Witt has had nothing to say regarding the charges made at the Davis meeting Thursday night.

"We will take them up at the meeting Saturday night and then in the debate on Monday night," Mr. Witt said.

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The first two registration days indicate there will be a greater number of voters at this election than ever before. Last fall 108,675 registered.

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Thursday's registration was 32,294, of whom 1,742 were women.

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Charges made by Peter Witt that Dan R. Hanna is back of the campaign of Charles P. Salen met with a denial from R. C. Mitchell, one of Mr. Salen's managers, last night.

"I will deposit my personal check in the City National bank authorizing the bank to pay the Newsboys' Protective association if Witt proves that Mr. Hanna is back of Salen," said Mr. Mitchell.

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At a meeting of the Eleventh Ward Improvement club at the residence of Abner Jacobson, 2425 E. 43d-st, last night a committee of twenty-five was named to promote the councilmanic candidacy of M. M. Gelfand in the Eleventh ward. Mr. Gelfand was a speaker at the meeting.

Salen Hits Democrats for Club Bar Policies

Reiterating his liberal views, Charles P. Salen, candidate for mayor, last night told 150 hearers at a Thirteenth ward meeting in a hall at 5300 Hamm-av S. E., that the voters could expect no relief from the invasion of their private rights by electing a candidate of the present Republican organization. He said:

"When police darken the doors of a club formed for social intercourse and undermine the existence of a society I can hardly realize this has been done by an administration that calls itself Democratic. This policy will be abandoned after Jan. 1 when I am mayor."

Mr. Salen said it was under his direction when he was director of public works that the parks were popularized and Sunday baseball was introduced in Cleveland.

In discussing the municipal electric light plant he said the small home owner could not afford to have his house wired for electricity and that the most important thing for this man to have is pure water.

Another speaker for Mr. Salen was William Whitehead who said if Mr. Salen is the candidate of Dan R. Hanna "Peter Witt is the candidate of John Stanley, who wants to sell the Cleveland street railway to the city at a very high price."

Davis Says He Would Favor 1 Cent Lighting

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"We are having an administration which is giving these things to the public at the expense of the general taxpayers. The general public is not participating in this low cost for such things. There is a way of getting this low cost of lighting without taxpayers being burdened. If I am mayor I shall endeavor to do it."

Mr. Davis in his talks at three meetings declared for better civic conditions all along the line of city activities; the economies in the administration of public affairs and placing the burden where it belongs.

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MAYORALTY CANDIDATE URGES CITY BUY CAR LINE

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ther Socialist meetings were held at E. 71st st. and Kinsman rd., where Tom Clifford spoke and at Madison ave., and W. 98th st., where Joseph E. Robb delivered an address.

CHAMP CUSSER SORRY HE MISSED SALEN TALK



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By G. R. Davis

Uncle Dad Tucker, known as one of the most gifted cussers of Medina, O., now visiting his brother-in-law in Lakewood, expressed the greatest disappointment Saturday that he had arrived too late to hear candidate Pete Witt take the hide off candidate Salen.

Mr. Tucker won his reputation as a cusser several years ago. He was practicing cussing down an open cistern so as not to disturb neighbors, when someone came up behind and pushed him in. It was while he was in the cistern trying to attract attention to himself and waiting to be rescued that he was inspired to flights of malediction which won him the championship of Medinaco.

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Nor did anything he heard equal in fluency the names he says he once heard a hired girl call a tin peddler.

But both meetings, he said, were quite helpful, recalling to his mind, as they did, several most effective terms of disapprobation which he had almost forgotten.

Mr. Tucker said he would remain in Cleveland for several days, in hope of hearing some new cuss-words, not in common use at Medina.

"I'm looking for a good one to call a balky horse I got in trade a week ago," said Uncle Dad Tucker.

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After the meeting, which did not break up until nearly midnight and until the lights were turned out on the crowd, W. C. Bracken, a Norton supporter, claimed the vote was unfair and that but twenty of seventy who are said to have voted, are bona fide members of the club. Davis supporters claimed the vote was about 6 to 1 in favor of their candidate.

According to Mr. Bracken the club has but eleven paid members. He named them as Mr. Norton, W. J. Hart, Richard Fergus, Joseph Riley, Bernard Masterson, Ladd Krecji, Daniel Sullivan, president; Martin Friel, treasurer; Mr. Bracken, Patrick Hays and former Councilman Burke.

Mr. Bracken pointed out that Mr. Hayes, who made the original Davis indorsement motion last week when Candidate Davis addressed the club, last night tried to have the motion laid over until next week, claiming not all the members were present. According to Mr. Bracken, the Norton supporters went home early, thinking no action would be taken until next week. The motion had already been laid over a week.

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Tonight's meeting will be presided over by Judge John H. Clarke of the United States district court. Mayor Newton D. Baker will speak with Mr. Witt.

Peter Witt has had nothing to say regarding the charges made at the Davis meeting Thursday night.

"We will take them up at the meeting Saturday night and then in the debate on Monday night," Mr. Witt said.

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At a meeting of the Eleventh Ward Improvement club at the residence of Abner Jacobson, 2425 E. 43d-st, last night a committee of twenty-five was named to promote the councilmanic candidacy of M. M. Gelfand in the Eleventh ward. Mr. Gelfand was a speaker at the meeting.

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Republican Club.

Tippecanoe club, Engineers building. Speakers, F. W. Treadway and others.

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Salen.

Seventh Ward Nonpartisan club, Harding's hall, W. 11th-st and Fairfield-av S. W.

Salen Hits Democrats for Club Bar Policies

Reiterating his liberal views, Charles P. Salen, candidate for mayor, last night told 150 hearers at a Thirteenth ward meeting in a hall at 5300 Hamm-av S. E., that the voters could expect no relief from the invasion of their private rights by electing a candidate of the present Republican organization. He said:

"When police darken the doors of a club formed for social intercourse and undermine the existence of a society I can hardly realize this has been done by an administration that calls itself Democratic. This policy will be abandoned after Jan. 1 when I am mayor."

Mr. Salen said it was under his direction when he was director of public works that the parks were popularized and Sunday baseball was introduced in Cleveland.

In discussing the municipal electric light plant he said the small home owner could not afford to have his house wired for electricity and that the most important thing for this man to have is pure water.

Another speaker for Mr. Salen was William Whitehead who said if Mr. Salen is the candidate of Dan R. Hanna "Peter Witt is the candidate of John Stanley, who wants to sell the Cleveland street railway to the city at a very high price."

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"I am for 3-cent light—why, bless you, I am for 1-cent light if it can be produced," declared Harry L. Davis before the Sixth Ward Republican club, W. 25th-st and Denison-av S. W., last night. "But I want the consumers of light to pay for it. I do not want the charges to be placed on the general taxpayers.

"We are having an administration which is giving these things to the public at the expense of the general taxpayers. The general public is not participating in this low cost for such things. There is a way of getting this low cost of lighting without taxpayers being burdened. If I am mayor I shall endeavor to do it."

Mr. Davis in his talks at three meetings declared for better civic conditions all along the line of city activities; the economies in the administration of public affairs and placing the burden where it belongs.

The other meetings were held at Lincoln Heights Republican club, W. 14th-st and Auburn-av S. W., and W. 31st-st and Sackett-av S. W.

MAYORALTY CANDIDATE URGES CITY BUY CAR LINE

C. E. Ruthenberg, Socialist candidate for mayor, pleaded for support to the Socialist charter amendment providing for the city purchase of the street railway lines by the city before a crowd at an open air meeting last night in Woodland ave., and E. 40th st. He declared the popular idea that public utilities cannot be conducted better than private, is false.

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Mr. Tucker won his reputation as a cusser several years ago. He was practicing cussing down an open cistern so as not to disturb neighbors, when someone came up behind and pushed him in. It was while he was in the cistern trying to attract attention to himself and waiting to be rescued that he was inspired to flights of malediction which won him the championship of Medinaco.

Thursday night Mr. Tucker was taken to the republican campaign meetings where he heard Mr. Witt cussed by Messrs. Gahn, Fitzgerald, Lamar T. Beman and Pierre A. White.

Mr. Tucker said that nothing he heard at these meetings was so forceful as some of the words he once heard used by a circus wagon driver afflicted with hives, or so graceful as the expressions used by a neighbor who stepped by accident upon a child's express wagon in a dark hallway and sailed down a flight of stairs and out thru a screen door, taking the screen along with him.

Nor did anything he heard equal in fluency the names he says he once heard a hired girl call a tin peddler.

But both meetings, he said, were quite helpful, recalling to his mind, as they did, several most effective terms of disapprobation which he had almost forgotten.

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The arrangements for the meeting are unique Each candidate will be given fifteen minutes. The order of their speeches will be determined by the drawing of lots from a hat. The first, second and third speakers will be given an additional two minutes to reply to the remarks of the fourth speaker after he had closed.

"We would rather the candidates would talk on issues than attempt to cast aspersions upon each other," said Klumph. "But of course if they start any personalities we can't stop them."

Witt failed to attend a meeting of the Peter Witt Labor Club in the American House yesterday and it developed that a split had apparently occurred in the organization. Referring to the attendance, which was small, one speaker declared "several men were conspicuous by their absence and we are glad of it."

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Witt on Capital and Labor.

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"His election means one of the greatest victories for union labor in the country. Think of what it means if we can say that union labor in Cleveland elected a mayor."

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Witt declared that he stood squarely by the record of Mayor Baker. He pledged himself if elected to carry on the things that Baker stands for. If a council hostile to his policies is elected he announced that he would go out into the various wards and work for the recall of those who opposed him.

Witt's platform consisted solely of an elaboration of statements which he has issued since he became a candidate for the office. He omitted all personalities and only once made reference to an opposing candidate by name.

This was when Witt was interrupted and asked if he meant that he indorsed all of the policies of the present administration. He replied that he did.

"Well, then, I am ashamed of you," answered the voice from the audience.

Questioner Is Removed.

"He's a Salen man," shouted some one.

"Don't disturb him," replied Witt. "There are so few of them."

The heckling continued and the questioner was finally removed from the tent.

"I took care of one candidate last Tuesday. I will dispose of the remainder of the army Monday night and for the rest of the campaign will devote myself to a discussion of issues," said Witt.

In opening his address the candidate for mayor referred to the fact that the tent was pitched upon the scene of his boyhood sports.

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This was the new and startling argument against woman's suffrage advanced by former Attorney General Timothy S. Hogan in a debate with Dr. Herbert S. Bigelow, of Cincinnati, before the City Club yesterday noon.

Hogan presented arguments in favor of the proposed constitutional amendment of the Ohio Stability League, which would prohibit the submission of a constitutional question to the voters more than once every six years. Dr. Bigelow argued against the proposed measure.

"No Change in Sentiment."

Hogan predicted that the drys would poll no more votes for their amendment this fall than they did last year. He declared there had been no change in the sentiment of the voters of the state either on the wet and dry or the woman's suffrage questions since they were last submitted.

"The constant resubmission of questions of such vital importance destroys the purpose of the initiative and referendum," said Hogan. "There ought to be some permanency to our constitution. By reason of these referendums it is constantly subject to attack.

"We have a new system of government under our new state constitution, and, consequently, new political abuses have sprung up. The constant submission of one question year after year is one of them. People don't change their sentiments on these vital subjects in a year."

Hogan referred to the drys' statement that they would continue to submit a prohibition amendment until they won as an example of what he called abuse of the initiative and referendum. Dr. Bigelow declared his belief that the statement was simply "campaign bluster" on the part of the drys.

"Unwarranted Tinkering."

"This amendment is an unwarranted tinkering with the constitution," said Dr. Bigelow. "It would utterly destroy the purpose of the initiative and referendum. The Stability League better practice what it preaches and give the constitution a chance to become permanent. It has only been in operation two years and it is too soon to begin to change it.

"The amendment's passage would be a step backward for the state. It would not only emasculate the constitution but would enable interests inimical to the public good to destroy the effect of the initiative and referendum It is futile to hope that such an amendment as proposed would get rid of the wet and dry or any other question as it could be submitted in a different form under the constitution."

The club's meeting yesterday is the first of a series that will be held to discuss the various constitutional amendments to be submitted to a vote this fall.

WITT, IN BIG TENT RALLY, TELLS WHY HE WANTS OFFICE

Declares Mayor's Chair Will Give Him Vantage Point in Fight for 'Man in Overalls.'

Hecklers Busy, but Candidate Answers All Questions Despite the Turmoil.

'GO IT, PETE' HE'S SALEN MAN,' SHOUTS FRIEND

Commissioner Says He Will Go to People if Faced by Hostile Council.

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BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Peter Witt, veteran of years of tent campaigning, last night began telling under canvas the story of his political beliefs, this time not aiding someone else to office, but asking that he be elected mayor to carry forward himself the principles for which he stands.

In a raw and chilly atmosphere which was disregarded by both men and women, a crowd that filled and overflowed the old Democratic tent listened, applauded and cheered while Peter Witt asserted a need for giving Cleveland a greater share of the money raised by taxation within its limits, urged consolidation of the two telephone companies, repeated his declaration that by March 1 electric current must be furnished to every home at 3 cents if he is elected, and touched on the Barber subway grant, the Cleveland & Youngstown freight terminal grant and the Union depot ordinance, giving a word of approval to each.

He told them why he wanted the position of mayor and they applauded. He said he wanted the job because it would give him a vantage point in urging taxation reform and in fighting for the forward march of "the crowd in overalls." He indorsed in general the administration of Mayor Newton D. Baker. He pledged to give the people of Cleveland "as good an administration as I can if it takes twenty-four hours a day to do it."

Heckling Seems Like Old Times.

It was like old times when a voice raised to question and the candidate's answer precipitated a rapid fire exchange which ended, because the questioner wouldn't stop talking, in the police removing him from the tent.

The first tent meeting of the year was held on the W. 38th-st playgrounds, W. 38th-st, near Siam-av S. W. County Clerk E. B. Haserodt presided and Mayor Baker shared the platform with the street railway commissioner. Mrs. Baker and members of Mr. Witt's family were present. Russell V. Johnson, secretary of the Harry L. Davis campaign committee, was in the tent part of the evening, and cries from the crowd identified the man who questioned Mr. Witt as one of Charles P. Salen's supporters.

It was when Mr. Witt was indorsing the administration of Mayor Baker and declaring he would try to carry forward the things for which the mayor has stood that the questioning started.

"How do you know you're going to be elected?" was asked.

"Because I always get what I go after," shot back the candidate and a howl of applause went up. "In addition, I understand the intellectual ability of the people of Cleveland, and I know what I'm running against."

'I'm Ashamed of You.'

"Will you carry out the policies of Newton Baker if elected?" called another voice, this time from the entrance to the tent.

"I just said so," answered Mr. Witt.

"Then I'm ashamed of you," the questioner asserted.

"Well, you have your answer, you had a right to ask a question. Now be quiet."

"He's a Salen man, Pete," two or three cried.

"Don't disturb him then. They need a few," said Mr. Witt, while talking and arguing sounded from the edge of the crowd. "He's a worthy representative of the army he's training with. He reflects the political and intellectual integrity of the man he's following."

"Go after him, Pete," cried a voice, as the candidate asked for silence. Mr. Witt shook his head. Policemen at the door were trying to quiet the man, who had more to say.

"He's a sorehead, Pete. He didn't get a job," called another of the crowd. The man at the entrance began another statement when police pulled him from the tent.

Candidate Witt began his speech by saying he didn't believe in political slates, and had disagreed both with Tom Johnson and Mayor Baker on the subject. He said he would have none.

"As a comeback they ask what I would do if I had an unfriendly council," continued the candidate. "My answer is that when I go into office Jan. 1, I will take it for granted the people of Cleveland have indorsed the things I stand for. If they send a council antagonistic to me, I'll go into their wards on the proposition of the recall and find out whether they are right or I am."

Discussing the $1,500,000 bond issue to be voted on Nov. 2, Mr. Witt said it had to be upheld or the city would face two alternatives if it was to be operated within its means next year—it either would have to lop off half of all operations or borrow on the future. The debt is an accumulation of years of deficits, he said, and he added that the city is not "suffering from spending too much, but from the fact that not enough has been paid in."

Mr. Witt said the 1 per cent. tax law inaugurated by "that man who claims to be a Democrat, Uncle Jud Harmon," laid a foundation for crippling every city in Ohio and every school district. He asserted that while $7.50 of city money was spent for every man, woman and child in Cleveland in 1910, but $5.25 was spent in 1914, although, he added, activities had increased.

The speaker then asserted, declaring at the same time he did not believe in a wheel tax or other special licenses, on the ground consumers would pay in the end, that he favored having the city keep the $500,000 annually turned over to the county for paving county roads, keep the $400,000 a year which he said goes to "pave roads in Ohio the people of Cleveland will never see," and the $500,000 accruing from saloon licenses.

Consolidation of the telephone companies would decrease rates and better service, he said. He also declared if the companies refused to consolidate and any power could be exerted to make them give an interchange of service, if elected, he would exert that power.

As to the municipal light plant, Mr. Witt said "the leading candidate on the other side and also one of the performers in the side show" had been talking for cheap light but against cheap power.

"He doesn't know that only by cheap power can we have cheap light," said the candidate. "The more power sold in the day time, the cheaper we can have light at night."

Mr. Witt continued by saying that if elected and that if the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. by March 1 had not reduced its rate for all consumers to that of the municipal plant, a bond issue would be proposed and advocated to extend the municipal plant to carry on all the business. He predicted the illuminating company would come down "to save its bacon."

A questioner asked as to the truth of statements by opponents of Mr. Witt that the light plant was not paying and was costing the taxpayers large sums. Mr. Witt said his answer to that was "the official figures from the city hall, which show that the plant is paying interest on its bonds, establishing a sinking fund to take care of its bonds and creating a surplus of $100,000."

"These are some of the things for which I stand," said Mr. Witt just before his conclusion.

There were cries of "We aren't tired, Pete," when he said he was about to finish, but he soon brought the meeting to an end.

"We did away with one fellow last Tuesday night. We're going to tackle another part of the army next Monday night. We'll finish the army Monday night. Beginning Tuesday, I'm going right forward, preaching my doctrine and telling my principles.

"They say I'm a radical. Yes. Nothing is more radical than justice itself. It's only the radicals that make progress. The only mission of the conservative is to hold people back. Those who believe in yesterday are conservative. Those who believe in tomorrow are radical, and one tomorrow is worth all the yesterdays."

There was loud applause. The speaker was shooting his sentences at them now.

"Just as in the days gone by, I'm out asking for a job. Only then I had to ask a foreman, now I'm asking a hundred thousand. I want to carry out some of the things I believe in, and the job gives me the power to do it. The principal thing I believe in is a reform of our tax laws. There is no privilege in the world like the privilege of having someone else pay your taxes. That privilege must be destroyed. I realize the mayor and council cannot do it, but the office of mayor gives a point of vantage.

"I want every man to know it, whether he wears a boiled shirt or overalls. My crowd is the crowd in overalls, it's the crowd I came from, the crowd I'm part and parcel of. I will use the power of the office of mayor to push forward and onward and upward the fight of those in overalls, those who create but do not enjoy the product. Every person is entitled to the product of his or her toil, and I will push forward the fight in the name of the toilers of the land."

Asked just as he left the platform whether he was for woman suffrage, Mr. Witt said "I am."

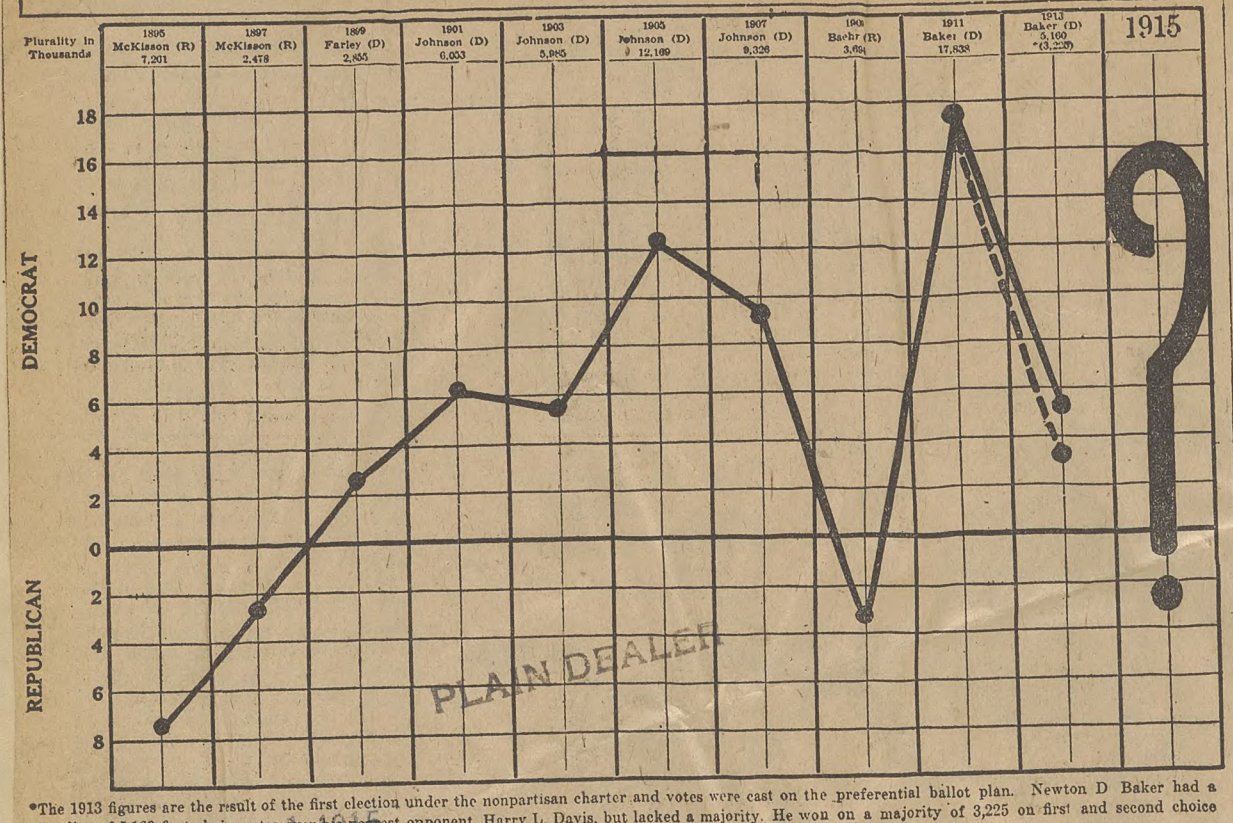
Chairman Haserodt said the coming campaign saw the same question as always confronting the people—whether they wanted to continue good government.

Mayor Baker, terming the campaign of unusual importance, urged support for the charter amendment proposal to allow Lakewood and East Cleveland, if annexed to Cleveland, to be represented by ward councilmen. Incidentally he said he believed the so-called Stability league amendment proposed for the state constitution was a "misguided amendment."

The remainder of his speech he devoted almost entirely to advocating support for the Barber, Cleveland & Youngstown and union station ordinances.

Then he spoke in behalf of Peter Witt as a man he said would lead the city forward. He said Peter Witt was in himself "a program," and that no one need make one for him. He said he had no doubt "Mr. Davis and Mr. Norton" had benevolent intentions, but that they did not have the "training nor experience nor history" necessery. He said Peter Witt had been a champion of justice, had held office efficiently, and had made the Cleveland street railway system the "best in America" in point of number of cars, type of cars and efficiency of service. That, he asserted, was a certificate to the voters of the character of Peter Witt.

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The Republican party organization will be put in trim this week to begin giving active assistance to the Davis campaign.

This means that Maurice Maschke's contribution of actual working strength to the Davis cause is about to be swung into the fight.

Ward leaders of the Republican organization are to meet tonight in the assembly room of the Schofield building, No. 414, and precinct committeemen are to be called into session tomorrow night. This is distinctly Mr. Maschke's end of the battle. The organization chief and former collector of customs is getting into action.

No Davis meetings are listed for tonight aside from the gathering of ward leaders.

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Candidate Salen will stay on the West Side tonight, speaking in the Second and Third wards. Mr. Salen attended several organization meetings yesterday afternoon.

The Salen campaigners intend later to hold tent and open-air meetings, so that before the fight closes there will be nights when candidates will be holding forth under four tents, Mr. Witt expecting to use two toward the finish, Mr. Davis planning to take out a tent and Mr. Salen preparing to make tent speeches.

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Candidates for council in Ward Twenty-four are promising business methods and full attention to their official duties if elected.

Carl F. Wetzel, who has announced that if successful he will open a councilmanic office where the public can reach him, yesterday stated he also would place written blanks for complaints to him as councilman in the police and fire stations and other centrally located places in the ward.

TODAY'S MEETINGS

Noon.

Builders Exchange, Chamber of Commerce building, luncheon meeting for members only. Peter Witt, Harry L. Davis, Miner G. Norton and Charles P. Salen will speak.

Evening.

WITT AND NORTON DEBATE.

Democratic tent, Payne-av N. E. and E. 19th-st—Debate between Peter Witt and Miner G. Norton. R. J. Bulkley, chairman.

DAVIS.

Ward leaders of Republican organization, 414 Schofield building, 8 p. m.

SALEN.

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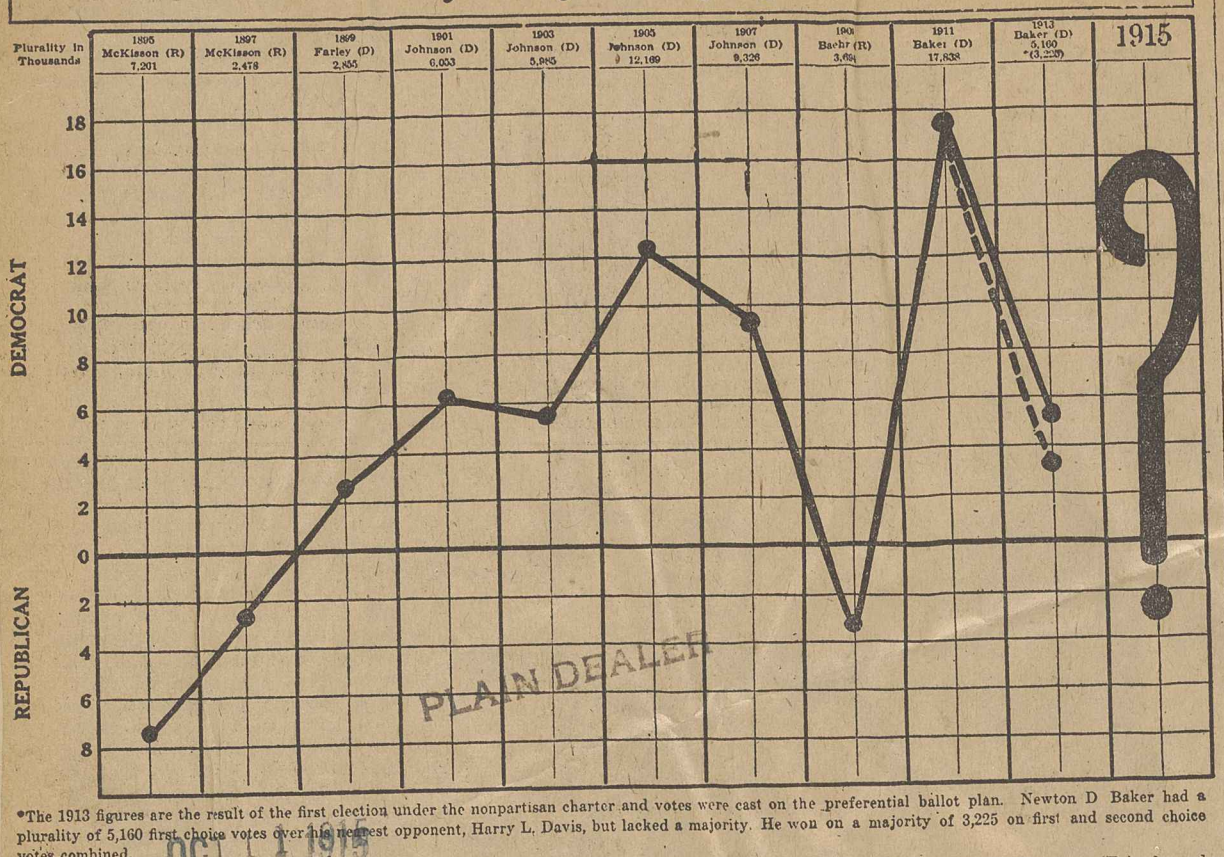
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Rev. Dr. Bigger declared $110,000,000 is spent annually in Ohio for alcoholic beverages. He declared this amount would give every one of Ohio's 5,000,000 inhabitants a loaf of bread every day in the year. He lined up the "Real Bread and Butter Brigade" as the children whose fathers spend their wages for drink, the paupers, insane and criminals of the state's almshouses, penitentiaries and insane asylums.

"Peter Witt has become Peter Wet," said Rev. Dr. W. W. Bustard, pastor of the Euclid Avenue Baptist church, Euclid-av and E. 18th-st, last night in a sermon on "Why Cleveland Needs a Revival and the Kind of Revival She Needs."

"If we had had a good thorough going revival here that put life into the churches not one of the men now running for mayor would be a candidate," said Rev. Dr. Bustard. "They are all too much on the wet order."

Dry arguments were also heard in these churches: Detroit Methodist, Detroit and Winchester-avs, Lakewood; Glenville Presbyterian, Helena-av N. E. and E. 105th-st, where spoke C. W. Eldredge, assistant state superintendent of the Ohio Anti-Saloon league; Trinity Congregational, Cedar-av S. E. and E. 84th-st, David W. Teachout, chairman of the Cuyahoga county dry committee, on "Eliminating an Unnecessary Evil."

Wheeler Will Confer With Pastors Today

Wayne B. Wheeler, counsel for the National Anti-Saloon league, will be in Cleveland this morning to confer with ministers of Federated Churches regarding their work in the dry campaign for the remainder of the month.

Few meetings of the drys, if any, will be held early this week, the campaign committees giving most of their time to efforts to get out every dry voter to register Friday and Saturday the last two days of registration.

Some dry leaders yesterday said they were disappointed because the list of electors already registered had not been posted on the booths so workers might know who had registered. The law requires this posting of names only after the last day of registration.

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The Republican party organization will be put in trim this week to begin giving active assistance to the Davis campaign.

This means that Maurice Maschke's contribution of actual working strength to the Davis cause is about to be swung into the fight.

Ward leaders of the Republican organization are to meet tonight in the assembly room of the Schofield building, No. 414, and precinct committeemen are to be called into session tomorrow night. This is distinctly Mr. Maschke's end of the battle. The organization chief and former collector of customs is getting into action.

No Davis meetings are listed for tonight aside from the gathering of ward leaders.

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Candidate Salen will stay on the West Side tonight, speaking in the Second and Third wards. Mr. Salen attended several organization meetings yesterday afternoon.

The Salen campaigners intend later to hold tent and open-air meetings, so that before the fight closes there will be nights when candidates will be holding forth under four tents, Mr. Witt expecting to use two toward the finish, Mr. Davis planning to take out a tent and Mr. Salen preparing to make tent speeches.

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Candidates for council in Ward Twenty-four are promising business methods and full attention to their official duties if elected.

Carl F. Wetzel, who has announced that if successful he will open a councilmanic office where the public can reach him, yesterday stated he also would place written blanks for complaints to him as councilman in the police and fire stations and other centrally located places in the ward.

L. G. Sproul makes the public announcement that he will give none of his time to any business but that of councilman if elected.

TODAY'S MEETINGS

Noon.

Builders Exchange, Chamber of Commerce building, luncheon meeting for members only. Peter Witt, Harry L. Davis, Miner G. Norton and Charles P. Salen will speak.

Evening.

WITT AND NORTON DEBATE.

Democratic tent, Payne-av N. E. and E. 19th-st—Debate between Peter Witt and Miner G. Norton. R. J. Bulkley, chairman.

DAVIS.

Ward leaders of Republican organization, 414 Schofield building, 8 p. m.

SALEN.

Ward 2, M. J. Hejl's hall, 3239 W. 50th-st—Speakers, Charles P. Salen, T. C. Brinsmade, W. J. Whitehead, Clarence L. Jones, J. J. O'Donnell. Steve Marsick, chairman.

Ward 3, McNess hall, 6701 Madison-av N. W.—Speakers, Charles P. Salen, Clarence L. Jones, T. C. Brinsmade, J. J. O'Donnell, James Fitzmartin, chairman.

Italian and Slav Clubs Give Davis Indorsement

Indorsements of Harry L. Davis were given by two clubs yesterday. The Italian Republican club yesterday afternoon and the Slavish-American club last night went on record for him.

Mr. Davis addressed the meeting of the Italian Republican club yesterday afternoon in Malaska's hall, Central-av S. E. and Ontario-st.

"Two years ago the Italian voters of the city were with me," he declared. "In the Mayfield district I had the vote by 3 to 1. I was called up by phone and told the result.

" 'You ought to kiss all the Italians in the ward,' I was told.

"I declared that I would not undertake that contract, but I certainly wanted to express my appreciation of what they had done for me."

Discussing city affairs he declared the time had arrived when part of the millions spent for parks on the outskirts should be set aside for small parks in the crowded districts.

"I am against the hiring of inspectors who do not know cement from sand," he declared, in arraigning the city administration. "I do not claim to have all the brains in the city of Cleveland, but I claim to have enough to understand the everyday needs of the common people. I am for a square deal for them.

"When you go to the polls, vote for the minimum wage for city employes. It will result in the raising of the standard of wages for all Cleveland."

Earle A. Foster for municipal clerk, received the indorsement of the club jointly with Mr. Davis.

Later in the afternoon Mr. Davis went to Randall, where the stewards and chefs of the city were the guests of the Brandt Provision Co. No speeches were made, but the candidate took part in a ball game there.

The meeting of the Slavish-American club was held last night in Stocke's hall, 6021 St. Clair-av N. E. Besides Mr. Davis the speakers were L. A. Foster, Samuel H. Silbert, Judge George P. Baer, Chief Justice William H. McGannon, John Bobick and Anthony M. Golubich.

4 MAYORALTY CANDIDATES AT SAME MEETING

NEWS

Political interest centered Monday on the four-cornered "debate" at noon before the Builders' Exchange, Chamber of Commerce, and the debate in the Democratic tent, E. 19th st. and Payne ave., Monday night.

At the noon meeting Charles P. Salen, Peter Witt, Harry L. Davis and Miner G. Norton each were to be given a chance to tell the 300 members of the exchange why he thinks he should be elected. The bars were to be down and anything from a Witt "skinning bee" to arguments on garbage collection were to be permitted. The order of speeches was decided by drawing lots. The main speech of each of the candidates was limited to fifteen minutes but the three first speakers were to be allowed an additional two minutes to answer arguments. Monday night at the Democratic organization tent meeting Witt and Norton will debate. Norton was the only one of Witt's opponents to accept his open challenge. Besides the debate Witt promises to "finish with Norton and Davis" in what Democrats forecast will be a personal attack on both the Republican candidates.

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Ten thousand baseball score cards carrying an endorsement of Charles P. Salen for mayor was the ammunition Democratic organization men were using Monday in their fight for Tractioner Witt's candidacy.

The cards were distributed Sunday at the White Autos-Luxus game at Brookside park. Early Monday Democratic orgnization headquarters was told the score cards bore no union label. Scouts were at once hurried out to get one of them and, if the nonunion charge proves true, to fire a volley against Salen through the labor organizations.

Monday Salen headquarters didn't know whether the cards had the label. They said they knew nothing about the distribution of the cards except that they were a donation by a friend and distributed through the help of Miss Matilda Salen, Salen's sister. None of the Salen campaign managers knew anything about the cards, they said, until the distribution began at the park.

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The ball with which the White Autos won the eastern championship Sunday from the Omaha Luxus team at Brookside park still was unouched by the hand of a mayoralty candidate Monday.

Charles P. Salen, antiadministration candidate for mayor, had been picked by Manager Minnis of the White Autos to toss out the first ball.

But Peter Witt, administration candidate, wasn't there, and Sport Director McGinty loyally headed off Salen.

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The Republican party in Cuyahoga county needs intelligent leadership and a new kind of an organization, William L. David told members of the Tippecanoe Club Saturday night at a meeting called to discuss party ailments.

Petty jealousy, petty spite and petty bookkeeping of revenges were blamed by former Lieutenant Governor Treadway for Republican defeats in Cleveland and Cuyahoga county.

Harry L. Vail, former county commissioner, said the Republican party needed a man big enough to dictate.

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Miner G. Norton will receive the support of those who advocated the mayoralty candidacy of William H. Boyd. Hugh E. Taylor declared Saturday night in addressing a meeting of Norton followers at the Alley Club, E. 3d st.

Earl H. Wells, who circulated petitions as a mayoralty candidate but failed to file them, was one of the speakers at Norton's meeting.

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Tractioner Witt isn't going to pay much attention to one recommendation of council street railways committee, he told Gordon W. Ruthenberg, Republican candidate for council in the twentieth ward, Monday.

Ruthenberg several months ago asked that new, permanent steps be built from the end of the Payne ave. car line at Hough ave. to E. 105th st., to make the walk between the two lines more comfortable and safer. Council committee recommended that the improvement be made.

Witt, however, has made no effort to carry out the order.

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The wets through Samuel T. Hass, secretary of the Cuyahoga County Home Rule Association, Monday hurled these six questions at the drys:

"Will the dry committee kindly explain why one year ago they deliberately misstated and misrepresented the home rule amendment?

"Why in the literature they circulated a dozen changes were made in the wording of the home rule amendment as it was proposed and adopted?

"If they are in accord with a campaign based on deception, misstatement and misrepresentation, such as marked their campaign against home rule a year ago?

"Why they told residents of Lakewood and East Cleveland that, should home rule be adopted, they would find saloons opened on every busy corner the day after election?

"With the deliberate misrepresentation and falsification practiced one year ago by the dry organization, how they expect the electors to believe their statements this year?

"What other thought is to be deduced than that the policy 'the end justifies the means irrespective of truth.' was purposely adopted by your organization to deceive the voters?"

Attorney Paul S. Knight, spokesman for the drys Monday answered County Auditor Zangerle's statement to the wets that taxes would be increased about 15 per cent if the state went dry. He declared that to every dollar paid in liquor taxes the county must add two dollars to help care for the drunkards made by the expenditure of the money represented in the liquor license revenues.

"Ninety per cent of the inmates of Warrensville are there because of alcohol," Knight said.

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Visitors to city hall early Monday were made to understand it is a Democratic institution solely. Standing in the main entrance, where none could avoid him, Frank Beckett, chief custodian, forced on every one who entered a copy of "From Molder to Mayor," a pamphlet put out by the hastily-organized Witt Labor Club.

Republican councilmen protested to Service Director Sidlo.

"City hall janitors may be as partisan as they like after working hours," Sidlo said, "but while they are on duty they must not hand out campaign literature. Beckett will be told to postpone his election activities."

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Corruption in the Republican ranks and inefficiency in the Democratic ranks were among the charges made by Charles P. Salen in an address Saturday night before 100 of his ward leaders and captains. Salen promised a general housecleaning and the abolishing of so-called Wittisms, Bakerisms and other isms if he is elected. Salen charged he had been trying for weeks to gather data on the cost of public improvements, but that the city hall records are held secret from him and the general public.

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Officers of the Peter Witt Labor Club, organized two weeks ago, were busy Monday trying to restore harmony after a meeting Sunday in the American House, in which some members of the club openly revolted against the unqualified indorsement of Witt. Socialists, a great many of whom are union men, also have opposed the Witt indorsement, declaring members of the party should not be asked to support a non-Socialist candidate.

The club is getting out a pamphlet giving Witt's labor record.

Witt made his first tent appearance Saturday night at W. 38th st. and Siam ave. He confined most of his talk to telling his hearers the issues of the campaign. Among other things he stood firmly by the record of Mayor Baker. If elected to serve with a hostile council Witt threatened to go out into the wards and work for the recall of his opponents.

'WITT SOLD SELF FOR JOB'--DAVIS

"Maligned Johnson Till Made Head of Tax School," Says Candidate.

Peter Witt was charged with "selling his principles for a job" when he joined the forces of Tom L. Johnson by Harry L. Davis, mayoralty candidate, at three meetings the latter addressed last night.

"I can't believe the people of Cleveland will put into the mayor's chair a man who has maligned everyone, except those from whom he expected and did profit," said Davis. "Witt sold his principles for a job. He called Johnson a fat-faced faker and tax dodger until the latter made him head of a tax school, from which he drew his salary illegally.

"Quibbling on Smallest Issue."

"Witt says he is a positive man and illustrated that statement by quibbling about the smallest issue in the campaign—the question of legalizing boxing."

Davis declared that the two Democratic candidates, Witt and Charles P. Salen, were already quarreling as to who was a "traitor" to Johnson. He urged the passage of the charter amendment initiated by the Cleveland Federation of Labor for a minimum wage of $2.50 a day for city employees.

Will Answer Charges.

Davis declared he would answer any charge Witt had to make and in return would prefer some "hot" counter charges. He reiterated his statement that he was the regularly chosen candidate of the Republican party and declared he was ready at any time to have a test vote taken among Republicans.

Davis spoke to the Sixteenth Ward Republican Club at E. 93d st. and Buckeye rd., the Tenth, Twenty-second and Twenty-third Ward clubs at 3704 Superior ave., and the Eighth Ward Club at W. 25th st. and Carroll ave.

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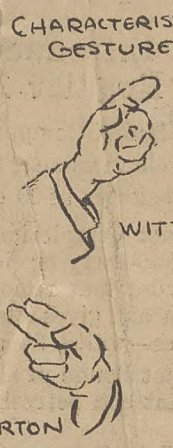
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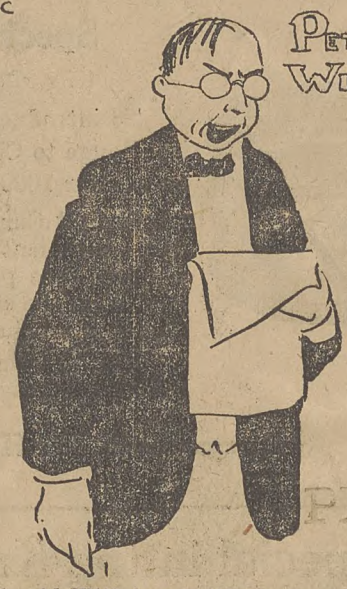
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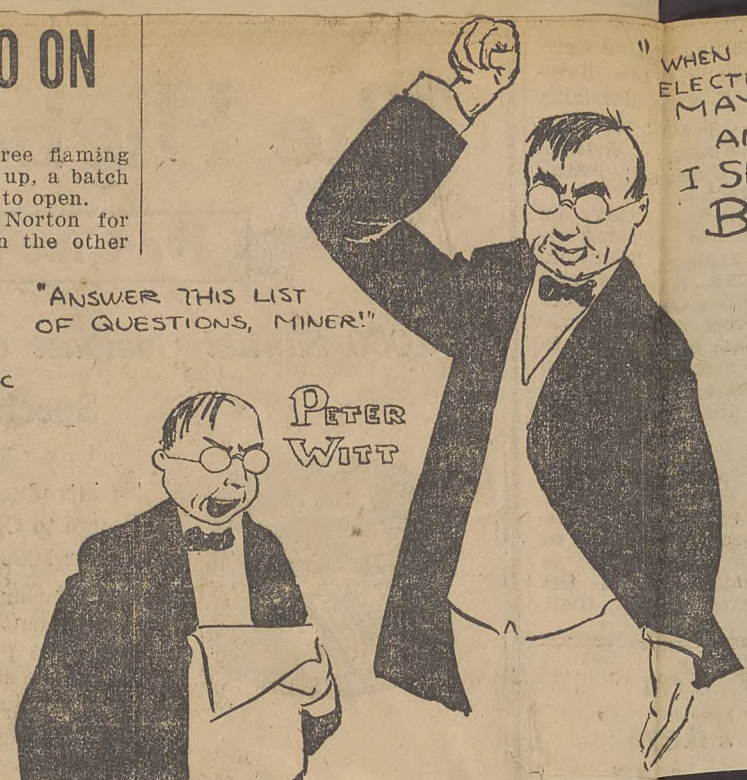
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Declare, at Meeting in Club's Headquarters, Party Has Too Many Generals.

Split in Party Deplored; Democratic Strength Cited.

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"What is the matter with the Republican party in Cleveland?"

Fifty members of the party at Tippecanoe club headquarters, 202 Engineers building, heard this question answered by Attorney William L. David and former County Commissioner Harry L. Vail last night. Their answer was: "It needs a boss."

The general opinion of speakers was that there are too many men in the party who want to be leaders and that what is needed is concerted action back of some big leader to bring success.

There did not seem to be an expression of hope for success in the coming municipal campaign. The men talked of what might have happened had the party stood behind one mayoralty candidate instead of being split behind Harry L. Davis and Miner G. Norton.

Former Lieut. Gov. F. W. Treadway was chairman.

Attorney David said he had been asked to talk on "What is the Matter With the Republican Party?" He pointed to the recent meeting of 2,000 organization Democrats at Acme hall as an example of what the Republicans should have accomplished. He said:

"There are Mascl ike Republicans, McKisson Republicans, Davis Republicans and Norton Republicans. Are we going to have such a condition in our party or are we going to give a dose of something that will cure it? We let the Democrats put over the new charter which gives us this fanatical nonpartisan ticket. The best thing we can do is to get rid of the charter.

"We've got to get back to bossism before we can get to a point where we can accomplish something. If the boss gets selfish take an ax and cut him down. We can't all be generals. We must eliminate and eliminate until we have a leader back of whom all will stand."

Mr. Treadway said petty jealousies, petty spite and petty bookkeeping of revenges have ruined the party here.

Harry L. Vail said he did not think the party needs a physician.

"What it needs," he said, "is a man big enough, honest enough and capable to dictate the policies of the party in the county and city. You need a boss."

Mr. Vail said he hoped to see the end of nonpartisan politics here.

"There is no such thing as a nonpartisan election," he said. "It is a big fraud and mere hypocrisy."

He also asked Republicans to quit knocking candidates in their own party and told them to get behind one man and vote for him.

Maurice Maschke told the club members that conversations with each voter as are carried on in rural counties cannot be carried on here. He said he considered it an insult to the intelligence of the voters of Cuyahoga county to suggest that rural policies be attempted here.

"We have the nonpartisan election," he said. "It's a condition we must meet. Even if we had the convention system we could not force the people to vote our way. I think the people vote their ticket because it is their sentiments.

"We had a good organization and plenty of money when Theodore E. Burton ran for mayor, but he was defeated because the people thought we were wrong on the street car question. The trouble with the Republican party is that there are too many generals, too many who are not willing to abide by the will of the majority within our own party."

County Chairman George B. Harris talked against the convention system, and said he favored the primaries, but added the Republicans should be solidly back of one candidate.

John C. Covert, who has voted for every Republican candidate for president since the time of Abraham Lincoln, talked for the principles of the Republican party.

Norton Claims Three Factions Support Him

Miner G. Norton, candidate for mayor, at the close of a meeting of his adherents at the Alley club, E. 3d-st, near Euclid-av, last night claimed three factions within the Republican party are behind him for mayor. He said those who had been backing William H. Boyd and those supporting Earl H. Wells are for his candidacy.

The Alley club meeting was a gathering of Norton supporters to organize a campaign executive committee. Former Common Pleas Judge S. S. Ford, who was assistant city solicitor under Mr. Norton, was made chairman. James W. Holcomb was made secretary.

Another meeting is to be held at 409 Superior-av N. W. Thursday night, when the membership of the committee will be increased to 500.

Hugh F. Taylor, who circulated mayoralty petitions for Mr. Boyd, told the Norton men those who wanted Mr. Boyd to run are for Norton. Earl H. Wells, who had petitions for mayor out, but who is out of the race, announced himself as a supporter of Norton. Other speakers at the meetings were H. B. VanWye and F. H. Eggers. The members of the executive committee will attend the Witt-Norton debate in the Democratic tent at Payne-av N. E. and E. 19th-st tomorrow night.

Davis Whacks Timmner; Upholds Police Pensions

Harry L. Davis, at a meeting of the Eagle Republican club, Koryta's hall, 5307 Hamm-av S. E., last night declared himself on the matter of musical entertainment in Cleveland and pensions for police and firemen.

Among other things he said:

"I am in favor of musical entertainment and concerts for the amusement of the people, but I am opposed to keeping in office temperamental Mr. Timmner at a high salary, with little to do. My policy would be to have Cleveland musicians furnish music and entertainment rather than importing musicians from other cities or from abroad.

"I am also in favor of placing the police and fire department pension funds on a safe and sound basis, so that the men who have spent the best years of their lives in the service can be protected in their old age."

Salen Says Republicans and Democrats Connive

Connivance between certain Republican and Democratic politicians was charged by Charles P. Salen in a talk last night at his headquarters, 324 W. Superior-av.

"Get rid of this coalition and put in a nonpartisan administration," he urged.

The talk was made to the executive committee of the Salen Nonpartisan league and to the ward leaders who met to lay plans for the campaign. John P. Smith presided.

"If there is a change from one party to the other it will be from bad to worse," said Mr. Salen. "The curse is on both parties. Misrule has been rampant. Unquestionably the people are tired of this reign of misrule, waste and interference with personal rights. They want a change.

"The election of the Republican candidate would not accomplish this. What is necessary, is that condition be wiped out. Clean out the politic stables once and for all. Recognize the wishes of the people and conduct the city in the interests of the people."

DEM LEADERS WANT WITT TO QUIET A LITTLE

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Afraid Single Tax Speeches and Criticism of State Officials Will Hurt.

Tuesday Democratic organization workers were getting together to make a further effort to call Tractioner Witt "off" on some of his campaign material. The regulars aren't at all pleased with his insistent reference to single tax in all his speeches and also are bitterly opposed to his habit of "bawling out" present and past Democratic state officers.

The organization is afraid attacks like Witt made Monday on State Auditor Donahey and his many references to former Governor Harmor will split the party and place Cleveland in a sad light when it comes time to nominate a Democratic candidate for governor. Witt on different occasions has declared he doesn't like former Governor Cox, but after attacking Cox policies has sugar-coated the pill by saying that "after all, Jim Cox was the best governor Ohio ever had."

Opens Up Old Wound.

Ever since Witt declared his candidacy for mayor, without consulting the organization, then forced the organization to swallow him, there has been dissension not only in the executive committee but among the rank and file. This was partly healed for a time, but Witt's utterances on the stump have opened the old wound.

Peter Witt will debate again with Miner G. Norton next Monday night, his "finishing-off" having failed to materialize Monday night when he met Norton in a Democratic tent at Payne ave. and E. 19th st.

Witt lost his temper and was hissed when he made a personal attack on Governor Willis. He called one person who questioned him an "ivory-headed fool."

Witt, in opening, declared "Norton has more capacity and integrity than the other two candidates put together." He defended the big bond issues of the Baker administration, declared he had tried to keep the office of tractioner free from politics and took the credit for the Cleveland railway's expenditure of $3,000,000 for new cars, shops and operating stations. He declared the $2,000,000 municipal light plant bonds were the best thing the people ever voted for.

Norton Debates Witt.

Seven questions that Witt handed Norton to answer the latter said he would answer next week.

"Witt complains that the tax levy has been cut down," Norton said, "but he does not explain that the tax duplicate at the same time has been increased from $200,000,000 to $892,000,000."

Norton declared Tom Johnson was charging five-cent fare in New York when the low-fare agitation was first begun in Cleveland. He attacked the water department, saying big profits claimed in 1914 were due to premium on bonds and depository interest. He also inquired why Casey & Co., filter plant contractors, had received a $65,000 bonus for rushing work when the plant won't be in operation for months.

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Mayoralty and council candidates opposed to the Democratic organization Tuesday were getting ready to make antiadministration capital of the fact that none of the city hall offices was closed in honor of Columbus day. Literature to appeal particularly to the Italian voters and speeches calling the official disregard of the big Italian colony a direct slap at the Italian residents of Cleveland will be features for the next two days.

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Harry L. Davis, talking to the Sixteenth Ward Republican Club, Monday night advocated election of the city director of finance. The rest of Davis' speech was given to attacks on the Baker administration as extravagant and to a plea that the civil service law be changed so the mayor can not remove commissioners at will.

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Charles P. Salen told second, third and ninth ward voters Monday night that the city now is on the verge of bankruptcy and that "a thorough audit of the books after January 1 will reveal some startling facts." Salen also referred to his liberal policy on the club question, and declared that while the city administration was yelling about decreased revenues, the Cleveland Railway hasn't paid a cent of taxes for more than two years.

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Mayor Minshall of East Cleveland, candidate for re-election, will open his campaign Wednesday night with a meeting in East Cleveland city hall. He will point to fulfillment of all promises he made two years ago when he was a candidate the first time. He has included a number of new planks in his platform looking to further public improvements and promises "continuation of an honest, efficient and economical administration."

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The names of the hundred-odd men who are directing the ward organization work for the drys were being closely guarded Tuesday by the campaign committee. They will not be made public for fear that harm of some sort might come to the men, Attorney Paul S. Knight, spokesman for the drys, said.

Last year one dry ward leader lost his job when the list of dry workers was announced containing his name, according to Knight.

Samuel T. Haas, secretary of the Cuyahoga County Home Rule Association, Tuesday was working out a schedule for a dozen speakers who will address meetings in halls and on street corners every night until election.

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"The boys" at city hall Tuesday began passing along the word to gather as many second choice votes as possible for Traction Commissioner Witt. They pointed out that it is probable second choice votes will figure in determining Mayor Baker's successor and that they may prove as valuable as first-choice ones.

In his opening speeches Witt asked that the organization instruct the faithful to vote only one choice. City hall's proposition is to take second choice votes from Davis, Norton or Salen adherents.

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Councilman Fitzgerald, campaign manager for Harry L. Davis, took exception Tuesday to Lighting Commissioner Ballard's claim that the municipal light department now is standing on its own feet because it paid the waterworks $53,000 October 1.

"Sinking fund records show that Ballard's division still is $70,000 behind in interest charges, incurred while the E. 53d st. plant was being built," said Fitzgerald. "The light department also owes the waterworks $112,000 for the site of the 53d st. station. Until these two items are paid it cannot rightfuly be said the light department has a profit."

Ballard, of "powdered lady" detective fame, claims that by small monthly interest payments the $112,000 debt is being cleared.

HISS NORTON AND WITT AT TENT DEBATE

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Crowds Heckle Candidates by Jeering and Cat Calls Until Commissioner at Last Loses Temper.

PLAIN DEALER

'You're Ivoryheaded Fool,' He Cries to Man Who From Audience Baits Him.

NORTON HANDED LISTS OF QUERIES TO ANSWER

Both Speakers Agree to Meet in Week to Continue Argument.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Peter Witt and Miner G. Norton carried through to a red-hot finish a debate last night in the Democratic tent at Payne-av N. E. and E. 19th-st, with catcalls, jeers and hisses interrupting the rebuttal of each speaker toward the close of the meeting.

The tent was in an uproar twice as the street railway commissioner was answering Mr. Norton. Twice Former Congressman R. J. Bulkley, chairman, stepped to the front of the platform with upraised hand as Mr. Norton was replying to Mr. Witt.

It was the greatest crowd of many a day of political meetings. The seats of the huge three-poled tent were filled a half hour before the debate began. They kept pouring in, men and women, jamming all the aisles, packing the space around the edges, and overflowing so that half of the canvas side flaps had to be raised to let the multitude bulge through.

Witt Hands Out Questions.

Mr. Witt, mentioning the bond issues of the past fourteen years and the expenditures for city purposes the past four years, laying the blame for deficits on the inability of the city to raise sufficient money for its needs, handed Mr. Norton a list of the bond issues and of the expenditures, asking which he would eliminate, and handed him also eight questions which he asked Mr. Norton to answer.

Mr. Norton said he did not believe the administration candidate could expect him to answer all the questions in the time given last night, and declared he would answer them all if Mr. Witt would meet him a week from last night.

"Accepted!" cried the commissioner, and so the debate will have a sequel.

There were good natured and one or two sharp interruptions from the crowd as each candiate delivered his argument. But it was toward the end, in the rebuttals, that the disorder started in the fringe of the crowd and, interspersed with cries of "Davis" and "Salen," spread to loud hissing when Mr. Witt called one of the hecklers "an ivory headed fool," and to hissing again when Mr. Norton said Tom L. Johnson took up the fight for 3-cent fare because he was told he had to adopt that issue to oppose W. J. Akers for mayor in 1901.

Announces Debate Terms.

Mr. Bulkley opened the meeting with an announcement of the terms of the debate.

Mr. Witt began by thanking Mr. Norton for accepting the challenge to debate, saying he was the only candidate of the "other side" who had done so.

"I'll say this for Miner Norton," continued the commissioner. "He has more capacity and more integrity than the other two candidates on his side put together. Any man who refuses to meet another on the same platform in political debate either has not the brains to present his cause or the decency to defend his argument in the opposition's presence."

"That's what you say," cried a voice.

"Yes, and that's what I mean," thundered the commissioner, and the crowd howled.

Mr. Witt said a growing business either had to have more money put into it to take care of the volume or be allowed to grow out of its earnings. He said the opposition always was bringing up the question of bonds and expenditures. Both

of raising money for city needs—taxation and bonds, which last he called mortgaging the property—must be used, he said. Bonds are for improvements as distinguished from operating expenses, he explained. He said when Mr. Norton was in office Cleveland was a village, and that "Tom Johnson came along in 1901 and made it a city."

He then read a complete list of bonds issued by vote of the people and otherwise, totaling $52,354,730—from April 1, 1901, to Oct. 1, 1915. He had special comment for some of them. There might have been more cemetery bonds for the "political stiffs we'll bury Nov. 2," he said, while the crowd roared.

The list he handed over to Mr. Norton, with the request that he tell which he would have issued, which he thought would be proper or what he would have issued for other improvements.

"When you pay a dollar in taxes," said Mr. Witt, "you want to remember that exclusive of sinking fund, the city gets 37 cents, the schools 43 cents——"

"How much do you get?" cut in a heckler.

"You poor sucker, you don't know who pays my salary. You want to read the Tayler grant," cried the speaker and continued,

"——the library gets 4 cents. the state 4 cents and the county 12 cents. Let those figures sink in."

He then handed Mr. Norton these questions, saying he expected Mr. Norton to answer for the other two candidates, as, he declared, they all agreed in attacking the Baker administration:

State specifically which of the bond issues on the list furnished you, you as mayor, would have opposed, and why.

State, if you know, where waste or extravagance has occurred in the expenditure of the proceeds of any of these bonds issued.

If you do not oppose the construction of any of the improvements built with these bond issues, how, as mayor, would you have built them?

In the face of the falling off of tax receipts in 1912 of $211,000 as against 1911, of $328,000 in 1913 as against 1911 and $261,000 in 1914 as against 1911, or a total of $800,000, and a falling off of liquor license revenue of $556,000 in 1914 as against 1913, and of $556,000 in 1915 as against 1913, and an inheritance of a $400,000 deficit from the Baehr administration, making an aggregate total of $2,312,000, all in the face of an increase in Cleveland's population of 120,000 people and an increase in area of 15 per cent. over 1911, state specifically which of the activities of city government during the past four years—a list of which has been handed you—you would have cut out or cut down, and how much.

State specifically which of the departments of the city government now operating you would cut down or cut out, as mayor, and how much.

If you do not propose to abolish or curtail any department now operating, state specifically by what means you will maintain the standards of service now demanded by the people of Cleveland.

Since the year 1900 up to the present minute, state specifically what you have done or accomplished in aiding home rule, honest government, 3-cent fare, 3-cent light, and what do you propose as a remedy for our unjust tax laws?

Mr. Norton said Mr. Witt's main proposition regarding bond issues was true, but that it did not apply to repairs or current issues. They are not subject to bond issues, he said, and should be met by money raised for current expenses.

He spoke of the great recent improvements in Cleveland and said they all were started under a Republican administration. He assailed operation of the garbage reduction plant as extravagant, having cost, he said, $40,000 more this year than last. He said the intercepting sewer never was completed. He asked "Who started the low fare agitation?" and a cry of "Tom Johnson" went up. Mr. Norton declared he drew the first low fare ordinances himself and fought for them on the council floor.

Mr. Norton said he would tell "where some of the city's money had gone."

"For construction of the filter plant," he said, "Charles Fath & Co. of Cleveland bid $714,676.75, John F. Casey & Co. of Pittsburg $869,059.50, Winston & Co. of Pittsburg $869,459.50 and there were four other bidders. The contract was awarded to Charles Fath & Co., they being the lowest bidders. For some reason they failed to carry out the contract and forfeited their $10,000 bond, and without calling for new bids the contract was let to John F. Casey & Co., whose bid was $154,383.75 over that of Fath & Co.

"Why was it that new bids were not asked for when there was a difference of over $154,000 between the lowest and the next bidder?

"The piling rejected at Clark-av bridge crossing and said to be long leaf pine, was accepted and used here at the filter plant by the Casey & Co., notwithstanding the foundation required to hold up the pumping engine should have been three times as strong as that of the Clark-av bridge crossing. But when the plant was built 3,000 bags of cement were used to fill the cracks, but still a crack remained 250 feet long."

"Some crack," howled a man at the back of the tent, and a gale of laughter swept over the assemblage that it took minutes to check. Then the crowd began playing on the name of "Casey," to which Mr. Norton had referred, and there were cries of "Casey Jones" and "Casey at the bat," over which Mr. Norton laughed with the rest.

Assailing the administration of the street railway commissioner's office, Mr. Norton said Mr. Witt had given the company "more than they dared ask for." He made assertions that in four years the city's control of the street railway and the right to 3-cent fare will be gone. Mr. Witt in answering said Mr. Norton ought to "be ashamed as a lawyer to give that as an interpretation of the Tayler grant."

He was cracking at Mr. Norton when a voice cried, "He acted like a gentleman, anyway," and that was the signal for the heckling that followed.

"He hasn't answered a thing I asked him," Mr. Witt concluded, "and he can't, or he will hang himself. He is like the gizzard-eating troubadour——"

Hissing began.

Mr. Norton in his rebuttal said every foot of land for the parks was appropriated by the law department when he was head of it. He said work of the Republican administration of which he was a part made possible the depot scheme and the holding for the city of the lake front.

DEMOCRATS GET LION'S SHARE OF RELIEF MONEY

OCT 1915

PLAIN DEALER

Place Many Times More Cases in City Institutions Than Republicans.

ALSO LAND MANY MORE BASKETS FOR POOR

Incidentally It's Noticed That 'Philanthropy Pie' and Deficits Go Hand in Hand.

The sick at City hospital, the indigent at outdoor relief counters, the tubercular at Warrensville sanitarium, the jobless at city-state employment office and even the non-English speaking immigrants, to say nothing of water mains, streets repairs and electric light cables, have been drawn into the maelstrom of ward politics.

Less confident of councilmanic success than in the 1913 campaign, city hall division heads were obeying orders Tuesday to compile by wards statistics of accomplishments of the second Baker regime. At the appointed time each Democratic councilman seeking re-election will file into headquarters and come away with a detailed statement of the pie and cake he managed to purchase, politically, in the last two years.

Figures prepared Tuesday by Welfare Director Cooley's office made it plain beyond doubt that politics played as big a part as actual need and suffering in filling the wards at City hospital and the tuberculosis sanitarium and in getting filled baskets at the outdoor relief. That Democratic candidates will boast even of the immigrants directed to their wards and of certificates issued by Immigration Commissioner Loebl at the close of his citizenship classes, was admitted by the fact that these statistics have been compiled by wards.

How Dems Got In on Relief.

In council the proportion of Democrats to Republicans is twenty to six. But the proportion of persons given aid at the outdoor relief was forty-six from Democratic bailiwicks to six from Republican. The proportion given jobs at the city-state bureau was twenty-five to six. The proportion of Clevelanders, by wards, who found their way into beds at the tuberculosis sanitarium was identical. Thirty-nine to six was the ratio both for immigrants directed and night school certificates issued. Only in getting their sick into City hospital did Republicans best Democrats, and not by much, for the proportion was sixteen to six.

Of the total of 14,446 Clevelanders given aid at the outdoor relief in 1913 and 1914—latest figures obtainable by Superintendent Kenney—1,658 were from the six Republican wards and 12,788 from Democratic. Councilman "Jimmy" McGinty's ninth ward poor alone numbered 2,100, or 442 more than from all Republican wards combined. The division's 1915 appropriation of $42,180 will be exhausted October 15 and additional funds must be provided.

Between July 1, 1914, and July 1, 1915, Employment Commissioner Hennessy gave out 31,000 jobs. Of these 6,160 went to Republican constituents

Witt's "Finishing" Plans Hit a Snag in Norton Debate, Resume Argument Next Week; Hecklers Worry Peter

FOUR CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR AT BUILDERS' EXCHANGE DEBATE



Big Crowd Hears Rivals Discuss Issues; Democrat Uses Strong Talk in Replying to Questions From Audience; Norton Declares Traction Control Returns to Company in Four Years.

BY JOHN T. BOURKE.

Peter Witt's much-heralded plans of "finishing" his three opponents for the mayoralty in a hurry struck a snag last night when he met Miner G. Norton in debate before a large crowd in the big Democratic tent at Payne ave. and E. 19th st.

Norton—the only one of the candidates to accept Witt's challenge to debate—not only held his own with his Democratic rival, but so flustered the latter that he gladly consented to resume the verbal setto next Monday night.

It was the second verbal contest of the day for the two, both having taken part in a four-cornered debate before the Builders' Exchange at noon.

Both Are Heckled.

Both candidates were interrupted time after time by hecklers. Norton took the gibes and jeers from the Witt partisans good naturedly, even when in his closing argument the chairman felt compelled to demand that an unfriendly demonstration cease.

Witt talked back to his hecklers in a way that indicated annoyance and which toward the close of his last speech brought down upon him a volley of hisses for a personal attack by him upon Governor Willis, whom he referred to as a "gizzard-eating troubadour."

He called one man who questioned him an "ivory-headed fool," and to a woman who asked "Where is Herr Timmner?" he retorted, "Where are you, sister? If you had pink lemonade and peanuts you would think you were at a circus."

The large audience which listened to the arguments last night was divided in opinion as to the winner. Opponents of the city administration declared Norton had Witt's "goat," while the traction commissioner's enthusiastic partisans just as vehemently asserted the former Republican law director was no match for his opponent in a talkfest. They admitted, however, Norton had put up a stronger case than they looked for.

Tent Too Small.

The debate was held in a big three-poled tent which did not suffice for the big crowd. Fifteen hundred and fifty chairs were occupied and the aisles packed with people at 7:30 o'clock. When the debate was started the walls of the tent on three sides were removed that the crowd unable to find place under the big top might hear the speeches.

Robert J. Bulkley, Democratic county chairman, presided, while James W. Holcomb, for Norton, and James J. McGinty, for Witt, were timekeepers.

Witt's opening speech was, in large part, a defense of the Baker administration.

"In the beginning," he said, "I want to thank Mr. Norton for being the only candidate of the opposition who would accept my invitation for a discussion of campaign issues. Norton has more capacity and more integrity than the other two candidates of the opposition together. A man who refuses to meet an opponent has neither the brains nor the decency to defend his position by argument."

Witt then said that in all but two campaigns in the last fifteen years the cry had been raised against bond issues. There were, he said, but two ways to raise money in a city: one by taxation and the other by mortgaging the property of the municipality. Money was raised for running expenses by taxation and for public improvements by bond issues. He insisted it would not be just to tax the people of today for improvements that would benefit the people fifty years hence.

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Tells of Bond Issues.

"When Miner Norton was in office," he said, "Cleveland was a village. Tom Johnson came here in 1901 and made it a city. In fourteen years since he came here we have issued $52,000,000 of bonds for public improvements."

He read a list of bonds issued and the purposes for which they were sold.

Telling of $175,000 of cemetery bonds, he remarked: "We might have made that issue larger to bury the political stiffs we are going to bury this year." He said bonds were issued for a municipal garbage plant after the contract for garbage collection the McKisson administration made with M. F. Bramley had run ten years. The $2,000,000 electric light bonds, he said, were the best thing the people ever voted for.

"I'm going to ask Norton to tell what bonds he would not have issued."

Witt next explained that, exclusive of the sinking fund, from each $1 of taxes a citizen paid the city got 37 cents.

"How much do you get?" a man in the crowd inquired.

"You poor sucker," was the reply, "you don't know who pays my salary."

The cost of city government in 1911 and 1914 was compared by Witt, who said if the Baker administration had not been bequeathed a deficit of $400,000 by the Baehr administration and the liquor tax had not diminished there would be no deficit now.

Rough With Hecklers.

"The state takes our liquor license money for Geauga and Highland counties," he said. "If they won't sell booze in these counties they shouldn't take our wet money to run their affairs."

"How about car fare?" someone asked. "

"You are paying as much now as you ever will," was the retort. "Soon you will pay less. I'll bet you were on the other side in our fight with the yellow dog fund. You can hear them and smell them every time."

"How about single tax?" was another question.

"Come around some other night and I'll teach you, you ivory head, if you are capable of learning," Witt said. To another questioner he shouted, "Give that thing a nursing bottle. It's time he was in bed."

He complained that laws for the city were made by the farmers who controlled the legislature and added the humblest Clevelander knew more about city needs than the wisest farmer.

Witt next said that as traction commissioner for three years and nine months he had labored to take the street railway question from the scope of party politics. If he deserved credit for building up from a broken-down junk heap the finest street railway system in the country it was because Mayor Baker was behind him and let him do what he desired.

"I stand responsible," he said, "for the street railway paying $3,000,000 for 700 new cars and building new shops and operating stations. I forced the building of three cross-town lines in two years and the only opposition came from Dan Hanna and the fighting minority in the city council."

In closing, Witt read seven questions for Norton to answer in which he asked his opponent to say just what he would have done to prevent the present deficit in city funds.

Norton Discusses Bonds.

Norton on taking the floor said he hardly thought Witt expected him to reply to his questions immediately but that he would meet him in debate again next Monday and answer them. Witt replied that he would accept the proposition.

Norton then said he would agree with Witt that public improvements should be made from bond issues but repairs should not be subject to bond issues, as they were current expenses.

"Witt complains," he said, "that the tax levy has been cut down but he does not explain that the tax duplicate at the same time has been increased from $200,000,000 to $892,000,000. The Baker administration may have taken over a deficit but that is no excuse for it to keep piling up debt to meet operating expenses. Cleveland may have been a village when I was law director but at that time all the big improvements that have been made in the last twenty years were started and the ways and means for financing them were adopted."

He said Tom L. Johnson was in Brooklyn, N. Y., charging 5-cent fare when the first low-fare agitation was started in Cleveland. As law director, Norton said, he drew two low-fare ordinances that were introduced in the council by C. W. Toland and W. H. Hopkins. He said W. J. Akers was to have run on a 3-cent fare platform for mayor in 1901 when Charles P. Salen beat him to it by persuading Johnson to return to Cleveland and make 3-cent fare an issue.

He attacked the city administration's management of the water department, saying the big profits claimed for it in 1914 were due to premiums on bonds sold during the year and to depository interest held since 1910.

He then charged that after Charles Fath & Co., the lowest bidders for construction of the filter plant, forfeited their contract, it was awarded to John F. Casey & Co., of Pittsburg, whose bid was $154,383 higher, and that without readvertising.

Why No New Bonds?

He wanted to know why new bids were not invited when there was such a difference. He also asked why Casey & Co. had received a bonus of $65,000 for rushing their contract when the filter plant would not be in operation for months or years.

Norton quoted judges and prosecutors to prove his charge that the workhouse authorities failed in their duty by permitting prisoners to escape.

Regarding the city's financial condition he said Cleveland was paying interest charges amounting to $2 for every man, woman and child, and that city bonds could not be marketed unless bearing 4½ per cent interest, when they formerly were taken at 3 1-3 per cent. On the street railway situation, Norton said

Years prior to the Tayler ordinance, th company offered seven tickets for a quarte and a universal transfer. They also con tributed and offered to contribute to elimina tion of grade crossings, high level bridges etc. Today three-cent fare is charged to th Square and one cent for transfer, and th city loses its car license fee; the enormou amount paid out for the elimination of grad crossings, high level bridges, sixteen feet c pavement of car tracks, for 160 miles c double track or 320 miles of single trac Why has the railroad company secure twenty-two acres of land on Harvard

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English Village Worthy (discussing possibilities of invasion)—Well, there can't be no battle in these parts, Jarge, for there baint no field suitable, as you may say; an' Squire won't lend 'em the use of 'is park.—Punch.

CANDIDATES ON BAR SLATE DO OWN BATTLING

LEADER

Lawyers' Committee Is Not to Campaign for Judge Seekers; Mayor Racers Bolster Organizations.

OCT 1 2 1915

Candidates for places on the municipal court bench indorsed by the Cleveland bar will make their own campaign, each in his own way.

The special municipal court committee appointed by the bar association will probably confine its efforts to giving publicity to the candidates' slate resulting from the secret ballot taken by the lawyers of the county.

The committee at a meeting held at noon yesterday at its headquarters, 226 Engineers building, outlined plans for the campaign. There will be no finance committee to solicit a big campaign fund, but the money received in response to letters for contributions sent to lawyers will be used for publicity purposes.

Campaign literature will be distributed, giving the names of the candidates who got places on the bar slate by reason of the votes polled in the balloting participated in by 980 of the 1,201 attorneys who practice in Cleveland. This literature will explain how the vote was taken and call attention that the slated candidates are the choice of the Cleveland bar.

No Boost Meeting.

No meetings will be held by the bar association to boost the slate. Each candidate on the slate will have to run on his own merits, with whatever benefit may accrue from his indorsement by the bar.

The committee will make no attempt to control the slate candidates or to dictate to them how their campaign shall be conducted.

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Three candidates for mayor will devote most of today to organization work. Peter Witt is the only candidate who is not called upon to worry about the building of a campaign organization. His interests are being looked after by the Democratic organization and its executive committee, which began as long ago as last February to plan for the Witt campaign. The Witt campaign literature has been compiled, and most of it printed, the speakers have been selected and drilled for the Witt meetings.

Nothing remains for the organization but to see that its plans are executed and to find vacant lots upon which to pitch the Democratic tent next week.

Next to Witt, the Davis forces have made most progress in organization. Beginning tomorrow, workers in a half dozen wards will meet at 414 Schofield building each night. Judge Fielder Sanders will have charge of these meetings, at which instructions will be given for getting citizens to register and vote. Candidate Davis, as chairman of his own campaign committee, will also keep in touch with the organization work.

Salen Is Active.

Charles P. Salen is meeting daily with his executive committee, making plans for an organization, thus far but partly completed. Salen continues quiet campaign work and

BY GERTRUDE WICKHAM.

WILLIAM BILLINGS, of "Squire" Billings, as he was

1830—Billings.

SALEN CALLS CITY HEADS DEAD HOPES

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Administration Is Absolutely Lacking in Business Judgment, Candidate Declares.

A graveyard of desperate hopes and an organization absolutely lacking in business judgment, was the way Charles P. Salen, nonpartisan candidate for mayor, described the present city administration in addressing meetings last night in the Second, Third and Ninth wards.

Salen also availed himself of the opportunity to deny the charges made by Democratic leaders that he was antagonistic to union labor because of the distributing of hundreds of score cards at the White Auto-Omaha baseball game, printed by non-union printers.

He told an audience in Van Ness' hall, 6701 Madison ave., in the Third ward, he was unaware of the fact the bills were to be distributed until they were circulated at the field.

"Some young women friends of my sister caused them to be printed," he said.

"These charges of my being against union labor are foolish," he continued. "If I were against union labor I wouldn't have been elected city clerk the last time. My plurality was more than 4,000, due almost to the union vote."

Salen discussing the present condition of city finances, said:

"A thorough audit of the city's books after January 1 will reveal some startling facts. The city at the present time is on the verge of insolvency.

"There's been too many fancy filtration plants and waterworks tunnels that turned out bad. There were also two many fancy jobs created for out of town men, friends of the administration."

Salen also charged the present administration with what he termed the meddling with private affairs, in handling of the social club situation.

"You heard their promises of liberality before they were elected," he said. "Look at the situation now. They even darken your very doors with policemen and take away the charm of good fellowship by abolishing your clubs," he told a small gathering of men at a meeting at Hejl's hall in the second ward.

The high cost of government was another subject Salen dwelt on. "People are complaining," he said, "not about the high cost of taxation, but the high cost of spending the money collected by taxation. The poor man pays his taxes regularly or loses his property, but the Cleveland Railway Company hasn't paid a cent for more than two years."

Salen also spoke at a meeting of nearly one hundred ninth ward members at Webster ave. and E. 12th st.

RUTHENBERG RAPS WITT FOR CONCON EXPENSES

"Because Witt and Baker allowed the Concon to overspend its allowances by $300,000 each year, we have lost our free transfers."

That's what C. E. Ruthenberg, socialist mayoralty candidate, told his open air audience at Bush-av and W. 54th-st Tuesday night.

Ruthenberg speaks at another open air meeting at Market square, Lorain-av and W. 25th-st, Wednesday night.

ELECT AUDITOR, IS DAVIS' PLEA

LEADER

Candidate Also Declares in Favor of Civil Service Reform.

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Norton Discusses Bonds.

Norton on taking the floor said he hardly thought Witt expected him to reply to his questions immediately but that he would meet him in debate again next Monday and answer them. Witt replied that he would accept the proposition.

Norton then said he would agree with Witt that public improvements should be made from bond issues but repairs should not be subject to bond issues, as they were current expenses.

"Witt complains," he said, "that the tax levy has been cut down but he does not explain that the tax duplicate at the same time has been increased from $200,000,000 to $892,000,000. The Baker administration may have taken over a deficit but that is no excuse for it to keep piling up debt to meet operating expenses. Cleveland may have been a village when I was law director but at that time all the big improvements that have been made in the last twenty years were started and the ways and means for financing them were adopted."

He said Tom L. Johnson was in Brooklyn, N. Y., charging 5-cent fare when the first low-fare agitation was started in Cleveland. As law director, Norton said, he drew two low-fare ordinances that were introduced in the council by C. W. Toland and W. H. Hopkins. He said W. J. Akers was to have run on a 3-cent fare platform for mayor in 1901 when Charles P. Salen beat him to it by persuading Johnson to return to Cleveland and make 3-cent fare an issue.

He attacked the city administration's management of the water department, saying the big profits claimed for it in 1914 were due to premiums on bonds sold during the year and to depository interest held since 1910.

He then charged that after Charles Fath & Co., the lowest bidders for construction of the filter plant, forfeited their contract, it was awarded to John F. Casey & Co., of Pittsburg, whose bid was $154,383 higher, and that without readvertising.

Why No New Bonds?

He wanted to know why new bids were not invited when there was such a difference. He also asked why Casey & Co. had received a bonus of $65,000 for rushing their contract when the filter plant would not be in operation for months or years.

Norton quoted judges and prosecutors to prove his charge that the workhouse authorities failed in their duty by permitting prisoners to escape.

Regarding the city's financial condition he said Cleveland was paying interest charges amounting to $2 for every man, woman and child, and that city bonds could not be marketed unless bearing 4½ per cent interest, when they formerly were taken at 3 1-3 per cent. On the street railway situation, Norton said

Years prior to the Tayler ordinance, th company offered seven tickets for a quarte and a universal transfer. They also con tributed and offered to contribute to elimina tion of grade crossings, high level bridges etc. Today three-cent fare is charged to th Square and one cent for transfer, and th city loses its car license fee; the enormou amount paid out for the elimination of grad crossings, high level bridges, sixteen feet c pavement of car tracks, for 160 miles c double track or 320 miles of single trac Why has the railroad company secure twenty-two acres of land on Harvard av and built buildings, and are equipping sho that will not be required for years to come The Tayler franchise expires May 1, 193 having less than nineteen years yet to ru and section 40 of the ordinance provides tha the last fifteen years the company shall hav the sole charge, and can charge the highe rate of fare provided in the ordinance, s that less than four years remain in whic the city can receive the benefit of low fa under the ordinance, and what are the pe ple getting for it? At the end of this tim all the enormous shops and buildings an improvements will become the property c the street railroad for which the people hav paid in their excess fare.

Witt, in his reply to Norton, sai the statement about the street rail way situation was untrue, and as lawyer he should be ashamed of hi ignorance. The ordinance, he said provided for a renewal of the gran and the company could not do in fou years what Norton claimed for it.

"Burton found four rotten eggs i Warrensville," he said, "and Norton found a bull there. He has been giv ing you bull. He didn't answer my questions."

"He acted like a gentleman," a man in the audience shouted.

"I say he didn't act like a gentleman, you ivory-headed fool," Witt retorted.

He then said Fath & Co. made a mistake in their bid on the filter plant of $50,000 and the contract was then given to Casey. Casey got his bonus for rushing work so other contractors could get started, Witt asserted.

Norton, in closing, said his assertions about the Tayler grant could be verified by anyone who read section 40 of the ordinance. While he was talking the interruptions became so numerous that Chairman Bulkley objected to the unfriendly demonstra-

CANDIDATES ON BAR SLATE DO OWN BATTLING

LEADER

Lawyers' Committee Is Not to Campaign for Judge Seekers; Mayor Racers Bolster Organizations.

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Candidates for places on the municipal court bench indorsed by the Cleveland bar will make their own campaign, each in his own way.

The special municipal court committee appointed by the bar association will probably confine its efforts to giving publicity to the candidates' slate resulting from the secret ballot taken by the lawyers of the county.

The committee at a meeting held at noon yesterday at its headquarters, 226 Engineers building, outlined plans for the campaign. There will be no finance committee to solicit a big campaign fund, but the money received in response to letters for contributions sent to lawyers will be used for publicity purposes.

Campaign literature will be distributed, giving the names of the candidates who got places on the bar slate by reason of the votes polled in the balloting participated in by 980 of the 1,201 attorneys who practice in Cleveland. This literature will explain how the vote was taken and call attention that the slated candidates are the choice of the Cleveland bar.

No Boost Meeting.

No meetings will be held by the bar association to boost the slate. Each candidate on the slate will have to run on his own merits, with whatever benefit may accrue from his indorsement by the bar.

The committee will make no attempt to control the slate candidates or to dictate to them how their campaign shall be conducted.

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Three candidates for mayor will devote most of today to organization work. Peter Witt is the only candidate who is not called upon to worry about the building of a campaign organization. His interests are being looked after by the Democratic organization and its executive committee, which began as long ago as last February to plan for the Witt campaign. The Witt campaign literature has been compiled, and most of it printed, the speakers have been selected and drilled for the Witt meetings.

Nothing remains for the organization but to see that its plans are executed and to find vacant lots upon which to pitch the Democratic tent next week.

Next to Witt, the Davis forces have made most progress in organization. Beginning tomorrow, workers in a half dozen wards will meet at 414 Schofield building each night. Judge Fielder Sanders will have charge of these meetings, at which instructions will be given for getting citizens to register and vote. Candidate Davis, as chairman of his own campaign committee, will also keep in touch with the organization work.

Salen Is Active.

Charles P. Salen is meeting daily with his executive committee, making plans for an organization, thus far but partly completed. Salen continues quiet campaign work and makes most of his speeches at private meetings. He is to speak at two such gatherings today and will not address any open meetings.

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The Northeastern Republican Club, of which Jonathan Evans is president and Thomas Donkin secretary, will hold a meeting in Dunlavey's hall, St. Clair ave and E. 72d st., tomorrow night for council candidates in the twenty-third ward and candidates for municipal judges.

SALEN CALLS CITY HEADS DEAD HOPES

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Administration Is Absolutely Lacking in Business Judgment, Candidate Declares.

A graveyard of desperate hopes and an organization absolutely lacking in business judgment, was the way Charles P. Salen, nonpartisan candidate for mayor, described the present city administration in addressing meetings last night in the Second, Third and Ninth wards.

Salen also availed himself of the opportunity to deny the charges made by Democratic leaders that he was antagonistic to union labor because of the distributing of hundreds of score cards at the White Auto-Omaha baseball game, printed by non-union printers.

He told an audience in Van Ness' hall, 6701 Madison ave., in the Third ward, he was unaware of the fact the bills were to be distributed until they were circulated at the field.

"Some young women friends of my sister caused them to be printed," he said.

"These charges of my being against union labor are foolish," he continued. "If I were against union labor I wouldn't have been elected city clerk the last time. My plurality was more than 4,000, due almost to the union vote."

Salen discussing the present condition of city finances, said:

"A thorough audit of the city's books after January 1 will reveal some startling facts. The city at the present time is on the verge of insolvency.

"There's been too many fancy filtration plants and waterworks tunnels that turned out bad. There were also two many fancy jobs created for out of town men, friends of the administration."

Salen also charged the present administration with what he termed the meddling with private affairs, in handling of the social club situation.

"You heard their promises of liberality before they were elected," he said. "Look at the situation now. They even darken your very doors with policemen and take away the charm of good fellowship by abolishing your clubs," he told a small gathering of men at a meeting at Hejl's hall in the second ward.

The high cost of government was another subject Salen dwelt on. "People are complaining," he said, "not about the high cost of taxation, but the high cost of spending the money collected by taxation. The poor man pays his taxes regularly or loses his property, but the Cleveland Railway Company hasn't paid a cent for more than two years."

Salen also spoke at a meeting of nearly one hundred ninth ward members at Webster ave. and E. 12th st.

RUTHENBERG RAPS WITT FOR CONCON EXPENSES

"Because Witt and Baker allowed the Concon to overspend its allowances by $300,000 each year, we have lost our free transfers."

That's what C. E. Ruthenberg, socialist mayoralty candidate, told his open air audience at Bush-av and W. 54th-st Tuesday night.

Ruthenberg speaks at another open air meeting at Market square, Lorain-av and W. 25th-st, Wednesday night.

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Four Mayoralty Candidates Tell the Builders' Exchange Members What They'll Do if Elected

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Four of Cleveland's half dozen candidates for mayor told the Builders' Exchange yesterday why they wanted to be the city's executive. Three of them, counting chickens early, told what they would do when they succeeded Newton D. Baker, while the fourth was content to tell what might be expected were he elected.

The mayoralty candidates, Harry L. Davis, Miner G. Norton, Charles P. Salen and Peter Witt, were guests at a Monday luncheon of the exchange. President A. C. Klumph, of the exchange, as toastmaster, had lots drawn to decide the order of the speaking.

Davis drew the opening speech, with Salen second, Norton third and Witt last.

Davis opposed nonpartisan elections under the present plan which he declared was almost a farce. He favored the Toledo plan of nonpartisan nominations, the two highest candidates at the primaries to be the nominees for mayor.

Opposes Single Tax.

He was against the single tax advocated by Witt, against municipal ownership because of the city's financial strait, and for water at cost.

He insisted the next mayor should see to it the city lived within its income. State Auditor Donahey had said one-third of all the money spent by Ohio municipalities was wasted and Davis agreed with him. If men were appointed as department heads for fitness and not because they carried ward votes in their vest pockets, he asserted, there would be better and more economical government.

He charged the Baker administration with being responsible for $1,000,000 of the $1,500,000 deficit to meet which a bond issue is asked from the people. The next mayor, he said, must eliminate all waste and extravagance, and as mayor he would insist on all municipal employees doing their work in a business-like manner. The appointment of the civil service commission by the mayor was decried, as under the present system, Davis asserted, the executive could build up in the classified service a powerful personal political machine.

"No Business of Donahey's."

"Yes, I'm a single taxer," Witt began, replying to Davis' speech. "I think every man who is a doer of things should be a single taxer, and when I'm mayor I want to come here and talk single tax. Mr. Davis quoted from Donahey, the state auditor, who hails from New Philadelphia, which hasn't as many people as some flats in Cleveland. It's none of Donahey's business what we do with our income. If departments can be cut down why didn't Davis when city treasurer cut down the expenses of his office? There will still be four quarts to the gallon when I am mayor.

"The 1 per cent tax limit law is a fraud and a swindle put on the books by Governor Judson Harmon when he was a presidential candidate. The deficit you are called on to clean up is of many years' standing. The money is spent. If you don't vote up the bond issue it means half of the municipality's activities must be dropped. If the bonds are defeated I'll proceed just as we have been doing.

Witt Sure of it.

"This is not a village, it's a city. If you want to go backward don't vote for me. I'm going onward, forward and upward, and I'm going to be mayor. Don't forget it."

Salen by way of introduction said he was the only nonpartisan candidate for mayor whose election would mean the retirement of both present political organizations.

"People are tired of the misrule of the organization now running the city," he said, "and have no faith in the other organization. The people this year have the chance to wipe them both out at one fell swoop. The people adopted the nonpartisan charter, but we find one partisan organization running everything. So much money has been spent we have reached the debt limit and emergency notes have been issued to meet operating expenses.

"There will be a real audit of the city on the day I become mayor. The city is pretty near broke. We will establish an administration along the lines of efficiency.

Decries Mudslinging.

"I have got away from the hot air balloon, so often exploded, of candidates making promises, and have made a specific contract with the people regarding what I shall do."

In closing he referred to the attack upon him by Witt last week.

"Among the developments of the campaign," he said, "is a return to old-time political mudslinging, which went into the discard years ago. Among the mud-slinging charges is one that D. R. Hanna is financing my campaign. Robert Mitchell has deposited $1,000 to be given to the newsboys' fund if any part of that assertion is proved. It won't be proved because it isn't rue.

"Then I hear that my name is Salenski. That was started by malicious persons when I ran for county clerk. I respect the Jewish race, for I know what they have done and are doing for this country, but it happens I was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran church."

Norton said he hardly knew why he was present, since he had learned from the speakers who preceded him Cleveland was to have three mayors after January 1. He suggested that the best prophets were those who waited until the votes were counted before making prophesies.

He took issue with Witt that the Democrats were responsible for the Cleveland of today, declaring all the big improvements of the last twenty years were started under Republican administrations, which had the necessary laws enacted, found the way to finance public works and, in part, completed many of the large undertakings of the past two decades.

He didn't want Cleveland to stop, but to go on, he said. He did want, however, taxation the people could live under. Nobody wanted the city to repudiate its debts and for that reason he would vote for deficiency bonds. He scouted the idea, however, that with a tax duplicate of $892,000,000 Cleveland could not live within its income.

Promises Economy.

Norton said if elected mayor he would give the city an economical and business administration, stand for enforcement of law and order, award all public contracts to the lowest and best bidders, and give a square deal to both capital and labor, employer and employee.

Only Davis and Salen availed themselves of the opportunity for two-minute "comeback" speeches offered the first speakers under the terms of the meeting. Davis said that while the election was to be nonpartisan, he wanted it understood he was a Republican and in 1916 would support the Republican nominee for president.

Salen wanted to impress his auditors that he was a sincere nonpartisan and would appoint Republicans, Democrats and Socialists to office if they were qualified. He might keep some of the present jobholders, he added.

"The Republican organization in this county," he said in conclusion, "has not the confidence of the people. For six months it appealed to the two Republican candidates to withdraw that it might get a candidate fitted for the job of mayor."

'I WILL BE MAYOR,' SAY 4 CANDIDATES

Witt, Davis, Salen, Norton Address Builders Exchange at Banquet.

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Sit at Same Table, Draw Lots to Speak, Rap One Another.

If there is prophecy in the predictions of four mayoralty candidates who spoke yesterday noon before the Builders Exchange, Cleveland will have four mayors after Jan. 1.

Tables were set in every available spot in the exchange rooms in the Chamber of Commerce building, and members several hundred strong filled every place to hear Peter Witt, Harry L. Davis, Miner G. Norton and Charles P. Salen discuss the issues of the campaign, and incidentally pay their respects to one another.

Mr. Davis, asserting he was "sorry there were so many candidates for mayor in the field," advocated doing away with the preferential plan of voting, terming it a "farce," and advocated substitution of a nonpartisan primary to select two candidates for the final contest.

He said when this year's fight neared an end there would be but two candidates, Mr. Witt and himself, and that he was sorry the others were "muddying up the waters." He said single tax was impracticable and that a halt should be called on municipal ownership.

Mr. Davis said the lighting plant of the city should be made self-sustaining and separated from the water works department so the people might receive "both light and water [illegible]."

President Arch C. Klumph of the exchange, presiding, introduced Mr. Witt.

"Yes, I'm a single taxer," began the street railway commissioner. "And when I'm mayor of Cleveland I'm going to ask you to invite me before you to talk single tax."

Terming the Smith 1 per cent. tax law a "fraud and a swindle," Mr. Witt said the deficiency bond issue of $1,500,000 ought to carry, but that if it didn't he as mayor would not cut city operations, but would trust to the possibility of changing the tax laws to make larger revenue possible.

Mr. Salen reiterated denial that he is backed financially as a candidate by Dan R. Hanna and spoke of the $1,000 deposited by Robert Mitchell of the Farr Brick Co. as a forfeit could the charge be proved. Mr. Salen said his name was not Salinsky and that he was baptized in the German Lutheran church. The Salinsky story was started maliciously, he asserted. He again denied the charge that he betrayed Tom L. Johnson.

Mr. Norton said the things accomplished by the city the past twelve years were started by Republicans in 1895. He spoke of the water works tunnel, the intercepting sewer, the garbage plant, and widening of the Cuyahoga river. He read his answer to the Industrial association regarding his attitude on several questions, pledging [illegible] to give an "economical and business administration," to enforce "law and order," to award public contracts according to law to the lowest bidder with a square deal for both capital and labor and "no discrimination" toward either.

Makes Car Fare Issue in Lakewood Campaign

B. F. Mills, candidate for mayor of Lakewood, speaking last night at a meeting in the home of S. P. Combs, Winton-rd, Lakewood, declared that week-end developments in Mayor Clayton W. Tyler's campaign for re-election had brought to light "more gross carelessness on the part of Mayor Tyler and Law Director R. G. Curren in framing the new Lakewood street car franchise."

Mr. Mills said that when it was pointed out to Street Railway Commissioner Peter Witt and officials of the Cleveland Railway Co. that there is no provision in the pending franchise to guard Lakewood against higher local fare after 1919, the company sent Mayor Tyler a letter stating it would consider it a moral obligation to guard Lakewood against an increase in the same way Cleveland is guarded by the Tayler grant.

"Although Mr. Tyler stated last week that the Lakewood car riders would be protected by the franchise, he now admits he was wrong by reading the letter from the railway officials," Mr. Mills said. "Lakewood voters have no right to be influenced by promises not contained in the franchise."

ODDS ARE GIVEN WITT WILL WIN

Bettors Wager $200 to $110 He'll be Next Mayor.

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The race for mayor and the fight for the "dry" amendment to the constitution have resulted in many unusual bets. Witt is shown as first choice for mayor.

Here are some of the bets posted recently:

$200 to $110 Witt will be the next mayor.

$100 even Salen will not get more than 14,000 first choice votes.

$100 even Norton will not get more than 6000 first choice votes.

$100 even Ruthenberg will not get more than 6000 first choice votes.

$100 to $50 Salen receives more first, second and third choice votes than Ruthenberg.

$50 even Witt will not receive 45,000 first choice votes.

$50 even Davis will not receive 36,000 first choice votes.

$100 to $400 the dry amendment carries.

$40 to $50 Davis does not carry nine wards.

$25 even Salen does not carry two wards.

THREE HELP DAVIS IN EACH PRECINCT

PLAIN DEALER

Will Cement Candidate's Following Under Direction of Organization.

Republican Mayoralty Aspirant Raps Witt for Slap at Donahey.

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Long before election day comes each voting precinct in Cleveland will have in it three Republican workers as busy as precinct committeemen can be, getting votes for Harry L. Davis for mayor.

This work will be done under the direction of leaders in the Republican organization. Precinct committeemen who are now known to be against Davis for mayor will be replaced by Davis men. The elimination process will start at once.

The first step toward forming this big organization was taken at a meeting of Davis adherents in the Davis campaign headquarters at 717 Schofield building yesterday.

Republican ward leaders from seventeen wards were present. As the list of precinct committeemen for each ward was read, the ward leader told whether the man mentioned is for Davis. He then was instructed to replace those who are not for Davis and those who are doubtful with Davis men and to report back Thursday night

Judge Fielder Sanders presided and explained in detail what the men were to do. Assisting him was George B. Harris, Republican county chairman. This is taken to mean that men recognized as the real powers in the Republican organization will have a strong organization back of Davis.

When the ward leaders have selected their precinct representatives, these precinct men will be instructed to select two more men who are for Davis to put forth every possible effort to get Davis votes. This will mean three Davis workers, backed by the Republican leaders, in each precinct. Precinct committee men from Wards 3, 4, 12, 13, 14 and 15 will be called in to a meeting tomorrow night for their instructions.

In his speech before the Slavish-American Republican club at Sophia av and Woodhill-rd S. E. last night Candidate Davis replied to Peter Witt's noon remarks on State Auditor A. V. Donahey.

Davis said that four years ago when Mr. Donahey was the Democratic candidate for state auditor. Mr. Witt and members of his organization were solidly back of Mr. Donahey. Mr. Davis hinted that he did not think it wise for a candidate for mayor to take a slap at the state official who has the power at any time to investigate the affairs of any municipality in the state.

Salen Hits Dry Sunday As Unfair to Clubs

Discussing the liberal policies he will pursue if elected mayor, Charles P. Salen at Hejl's hall, 3239 W. 50th-st, last night referred to the administration's forbidding the sale of liquor in clubs on Sunday as having "the police darken the doors of your organizations on Sunday, chilling the warmth of your good fellowship."

"Reflect," Mr. Salen said, "that the organization that calls itself Democratic forces you to close your clubs on Sunday. Such a thing would never have happened in Tom L. Johnson's day."

Speaking briefly of the city's financial status, Mr. Salen asked:

"Do you know that the Cleveland Railway Co. hasn't paid its taxes for two years and that by Jan. 1 it will owe over $1,000,000 taxes?"

The candidate closed his speech by stating he is sincere about his "contract with the people."

"The people can hold me to that contract and I want them to do it," he added.

Mr. Salen also addressed meetings at 6701 Madison-av N. W. and at

MAYOR CANDIDATES CONFRONT EACH OTHER



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MEETINGS TONIGHT.

Witt.

DEMOCRATIC TENT, Franklin-av N. W. and W. 38th-st. Speakers, Peter Witt and Mayor Newton D. Baker.

WEST SIDE ITALIAN CLUB, 1257 W. 69th-st, carnival. Peter Witt will speak after Democratic tent meeting. Peter Henry and J. P. Mooney will speak.

Davis.

FOURTEENTH WARD REPUBLICAN CLUB, E. 55th-st and Francis-av. Speakers, Harry L. Davis and others.

DAVIS meeting, 2231 Broadway S. E. Speakers, Harry L. Davis and others.

Socialists.

ST. CLAIR-AV N. E. AND E. 55TH-ST. Speaker, Joseph E. Robb.

BUSH-AV AND W. 45TH-ST. Speakers, John G. Willert and C. E. Ruthenberg.

DETROIT-AV N. W. AND W. 65TH-ST. Speaker, Joseph E. Spitz.

ARMORY, OCT. 20, IS WITT-NORTON DEBATE PLAN

Arrangements for the second round of the debate between Miner G. Norton and Tractioner Witt, begun Monday night in the Democratic tent at E. 19th st. and Payne ave., were practically completed Wednesday. Norton has decided to hold the debate in Grays' armory next Wednesday. Martin Thum, in charge of the Democratic tent, will see that Witt is left free from organization meetings that night.

There aren't going to be any conditions to the debate, Norton said Wednesday.

"It's to be a free-for-all with no campaign issues barred," said Norton. Within a day or two the time alloted Norton and Witt for their main arguments and rebutall, and the order in which they shall speak will be determined. These details will be submitted to Attorney R. J. Bulkley, chairman of the Democratic executive committee, for approval.

At the Monday night debate Witt asked Norton about several bond issue questions. These will be answered next Wednesday.

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The Democratic organization Wednesday found itself in the position of "now that we have got it what are we going to do wit it?" in regard to Tractioner Witt and his campaign speeches. For some time the organization has been trying to have Witt refrain from attacking everybody he doesn't like, from calling hecklers in the audience "boneheads" and "ivory-tops" and from taking covert raps at Democratic state officials, past and present.

Tuesday night they succeeded. In a tent meeting at W. 38th st. and Franklin ave. Witt went through his entire speech without making any attack, except that on The News and The Leader, for what Witt said was unfairness in presenting all traction questions to the readers of the two papers.

Municipal light, the street car service, and his own fight from the bottom up furnished Witt's material.

But—

After it was all over the organization men in the tent wondered where all the enthusiasm was. They agreed Witt had made a great speech and then as suddenly realized that people hadn't been applauding the Witt-Baker campaign issues but the "skinnings" Witt has indulged in.

Now they wonder whether to take a chance on cold Witt meetings, devoid of personal attack, or let Witt have his own way and take a chance on the effect it will have on election day and on Mayor Baker's state and national political ambitions.

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Charles P. Salen organization workers were busy Wednesday arranging details for direct ward campaigns that will carry into every Cleveland precinct the Salen "contract" and the policies Salen promises to inaugurate if elected mayor.

Glints From Opposition Camps in City and County Campaigns

That both Democratic and Republican ward clubs can get free beer from the wets for political meetings if they want it is word that has been passed in both the Democratic and Republican organizations.

Further, some clubs assert they already have had free beer which they said was donated by the wets, on request.

The Democratic organization paid for the beer served in the series of meetings held on three nights prior to the first registration day, but individual ward leaders on both the Democratic and Republican sides in several instances have obtained beer for ward meetings which the leaders declared was a gift from the anti-prohibition camp.

The ward leaders are not telling just who they ask and who does the dispensing. But they know where to get it.

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Street reports have put the head and several aids of the Herman Baehr administration back of Charles P. Salen for mayor, but some of them prove unfounded.

Stories yesterday that he was out for Salen were denied by Mr. Baehr, who said he hadn't expressed himself yet, although he would take "some interest" in the fight at a later date.

Henry R. Gall said there was nothing to a report that he was for Mr. Salen, and that he not only was keeping out of the mix-up now, but would not enter it at all.

Virgil G. Marani, who was building inspector under former Mayor Baehr, already has stepped into the field with Mr. Salen.

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Interest still attaches to the question of where the campaigners known as the heavy hitters in earlier Republican campaigns will line up this year.

Prominent among these is W. H. Boyd, whose supporters say they have swung their strength to Miner G. Norton. Mr. Boyd said yesterday afternoon he had no control and sought none over the actions of those who wanted him to run, but that their announcements reflected only their own inclinations.

It is understood Mr. Boyd next week will consider whether he ought to take the stump for one or the other of the mayoralty candidates and will announce his determination then.

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The first step toward forming this big organization was taken at a meeting of Davis adherents in the Davis campaign headquarters at 717 Schofield building yesterday.

Republican ward leaders from seventeen wards were present. As the list of precinct committeemen for each ward was read, the ward leader told whether the man mentioned is for Davis. He then was instructed to replace those who are not for Davis and those who are doubtful with Davis men and to report back Thursday night

Judge Fielder Sanders presided and explained in detail what the men were to do. Assisting him was George B. Harris, Republican county chairman. This is taken to mean that men recognized as the real powers in the Republican organization will have a strong organization back of Davis.

When the ward leaders have selected their precinct representatives, these precinct men will be instructed to select two more men who are for Davis to put forth every possible effort to get Davis votes. This will mean three Davis workers, backed by the Republican leaders, in each precinct. Precinct committee men from Wards 3, 4, 12, 13, 14 and 15 will be called in to a meeting tomorrow night for their instructions.

In his speech before the Slavish-American Republican club at Sophia av and Woodhill-rd S. E. last night Candidate Davis replied to Peter Witt's noon remarks on State Auditor A. V. Donahey.

Davis said that four years ago when Mr. Donahey was the Democratic candidate for state auditor. Mr. Witt and members of his organization were solidly back of Mr. Donahey. Mr. Davis hinted that he did not think it wise for a candidate for mayor to take a slap at the state official who has the power at any time to investigate the affairs of any municipality in the state.

Salen Hits Dry Sunday As Unfair to Clubs

Discussing the liberal policies he will pursue if elected mayor, Charles P. Salen at Hejl's hall, 3239 W. 50th-st, last night referred to the administration's forbidding the sale of liquor in clubs on Sunday as having "the police darken the doors of your organizations on Sunday, chilling the warmth of your good fellowship."

"Reflect," Mr. Salen said, "that the organization that calls itself Democratic forces you to close your clubs on Sunday. Such a thing would never have happened in Tom L. Johnson's day."

Speaking briefly of the city's financial status, Mr. Salen asked:

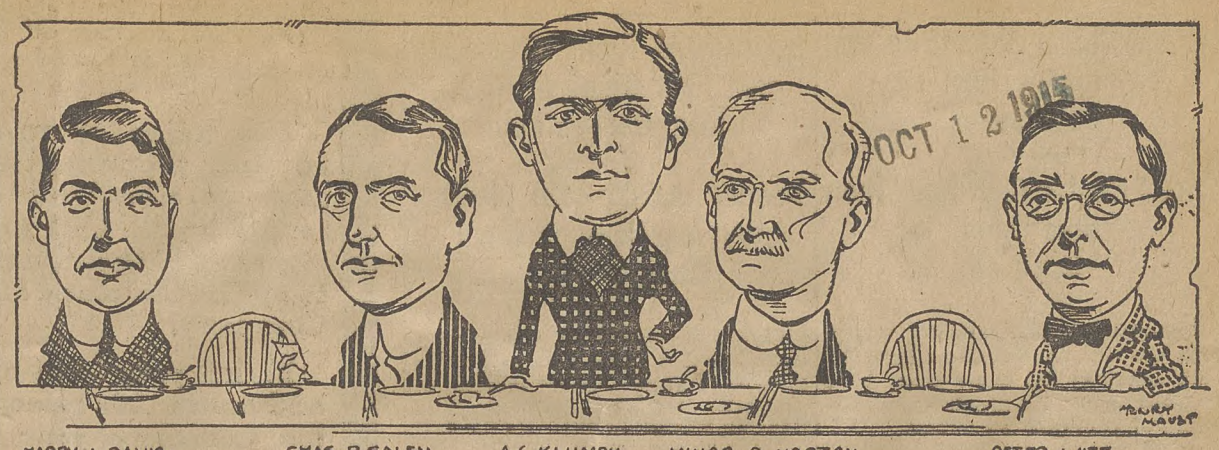
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The candidate closed his speech by stating he is sincere about his "contract with the people."

"The people can hold me to that contract and I want them to do it," he added.

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DAVIS meeting, 2231 Broadway S. E. Speakers, Harry L. Davis and others.

Socialists.

ST. CLAIR-AV N. E. AND E. 55TH-ST. Speaker, Joseph E. Robb.

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ARMORY, OCT. 20, IS WITT-NORTON DEBATE PLAN

Arrangements for the second round of the debate between Miner G. Norton and Tractioner Witt, begun Monday night in the Democratic tent at E. 19th st. and Payne ave., were practically completed Wednesday. Norton has decided to hold the debate in Grays' armory next Wednesday. Martin Thum, in charge of the Democratic tent, will see that Witt is left free from organization meetings that night.

There aren't going to be any conditions to the debate, Norton said Wednesday.

"It's to be a free-for-all with no campaign issues barred," said Norton. Within a day or two the time alloted Norton and Witt for their main arguments and rebutall, and the order in which they shall speak will be determined. These details will be submitted to Attorney R. J. Bulkley, chairman of the Democratic executive committee, for approval.

At the Monday night debate Witt asked Norton about several bond issue questions. These will be answered next Wednesday.

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The Democratic organization Wednesday found itself in the position of "now that we have got it what are we going to do wit it?" in regard to Tractioner Witt and his campaign speeches. For some time the organization has been trying to have Witt refrain from attacking everybody he doesn't like, from calling hecklers in the audience "boneheads" and "ivory-tops" and from taking covert raps at Democratic state officials, past and present.

Tuesday night they succeeded. In a tent meeting at W. 38th st. and Franklin ave. Witt went through his entire speech without making any attack, except that on The News and The Leader, for what Witt said was unfairness in presenting all traction questions to the readers of the two papers.

Municipal light, the street car service, and his own fight from the bottom up furnished Witt's material.

But—

After it was all over the organization men in the tent wondered where all the enthusiasm was. They agreed Witt had made a great speech and then as suddenly realized that people hadn't been applauding the Witt-Baker campaign issues but the "skinnings" Witt has indulged in.

Now they wonder whether to take a chance on cold Witt meetings, devoid of personal attack, or let Witt have his own way and take a chance on the effect it will have on election day and on Mayor Baker's state and national political ambitions.

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Glints From Opposition Camps in City and County Campaigns

That both Democratic and Republican ward clubs can get free beer from the wets for political meetings if they want it is word that has been passed in both the Democratic and Republican organizations.

Further, some clubs assert they already have had free beer which they said was donated by the wets, on request.

The Democratic organization paid for the beer served in the series of meetings held on three nights prior to the first registration day, but individual ward leaders on both the Democratic and Republican sides in several instances have obtained beer for ward meetings which the leaders declared was a gift from the anti-prohibition camp.

The ward leaders are not telling just who they ask and who does the dispensing. But they know where to get it.

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Street reports have put the head and several aids of the Herman Baehr administration back of Charles P. Salen for mayor, but some of them prove unfounded.

Stories yesterday that he was out for Salen were denied by Mr. Baehr, who said he hadn't expressed himself yet, although he would take "some interest" in the fight at a later date.

Henry R. Gall said there was nothing to a report that he was for Mr. Salen, and that he not only was keeping out of the mix-up now, but would not enter it at all.

Virgil G. Marani, who was building inspector under former Mayor Baehr, already has stepped into the field with Mr. Salen.

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Interest still attaches to the question of where the campaigners known as the heavy hitters in earlier Republican campaigns will line up this year.

Prominent among these is W. H. Boyd, whose supporters say they have swung their strength to Miner G. Norton. Mr. Boyd said yesterday afternoon he had no control and sought none over the actions of those who wanted him to run, but that their announcements reflected only their own inclinations.

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After election the league may take up charges that Andrew Pilosi, 1287 W. 69th st., was dismissed as a park employee because he favored Charles P. Salen over Tractioner Witt in the mayoralty campaign. Fesler said the league is too busy with other work now to take this matter up.

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Discusses Golf.

Witt gave his views on golf in discussing his predecessor as street railway commissioner, Gerald Dahl. "He was in office twenty-two months, drew $22,000 salary and never worked twenty-two months," said Witt. "He spent all of his time playing golf. I once said, after seeing a game of golf, that it needlessly prolonged the life of useless citizens. I guess that I was wrong. It gets people out of doors."

Witt said that the stock exchange was worse than a shell game and consisted chiefly of watching to see which way J. P. Morgan was going to jump. He said that he was a free trader and did not care who knew it. The Cleveland Leader and News had consistently misrepresented his actions as street railway commissioner, he charged. He reviewed the street railway situation at length, claiming credit for all that has been done by the Cleveland Railway Company during the past four years.

Promises Park Car Lines.

He said Mayor Baker had overruled him on plans to run street cars into Gordon and Edgewater parks. He promised a car line through Edgewater park from Bulkley blvd to Lake ave., allowing persons to get off anywhere in the park if he gets Baker's place.

Witt closed his address with an Utopian picture of the day when all would be Christians and real brothers and sisters. He admitted that he could not do much as mayor to bring this about, but said that he would attract attention and might contribute something toward bringing about the idealistic state.

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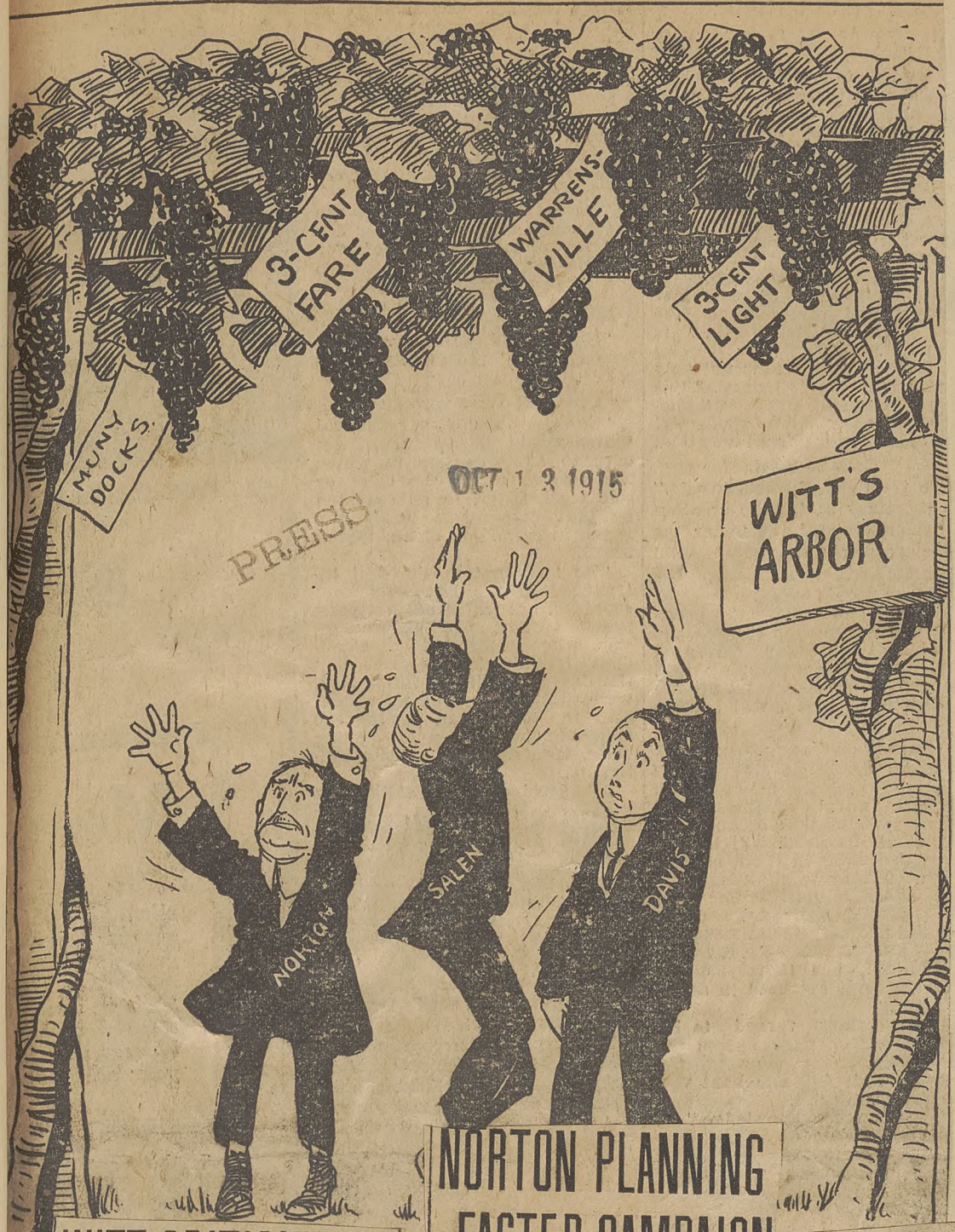
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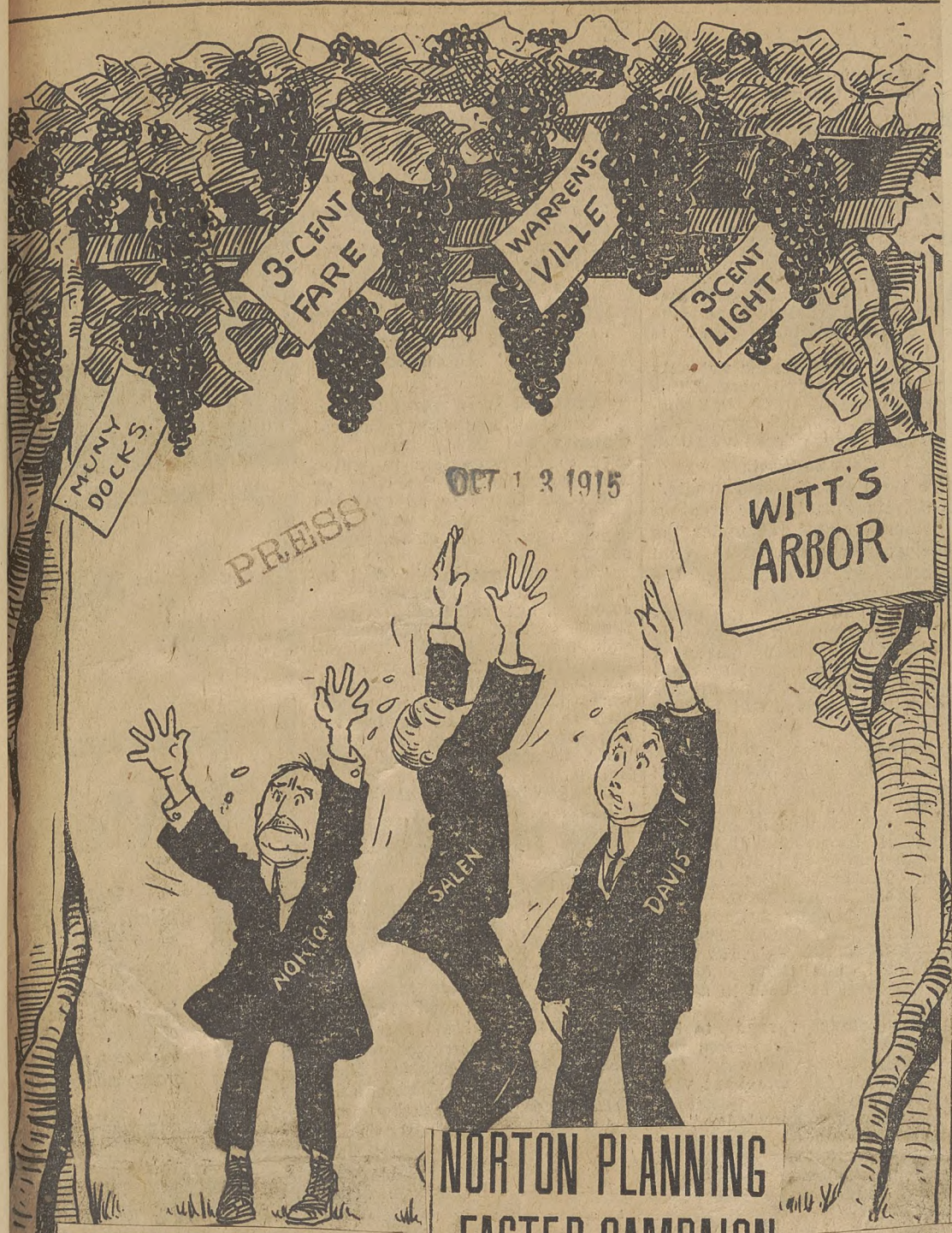
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"I cannot say what demand is being made, but it is my understanding that the fund was to be raised at $5 from each attorney."

Miller Responsible.

"I'm responsible for soliciting the money this way," said Maj. Charles R. Miller, president of the bar association. "We needed about $3000 to spend on publicity work for the candidates. I thought we would get about 600 attorneys to contribute, and on that basis figured we should ask for $5 each.

"Law firms that have five members are being asked for $25, while firms with 20 attorneys are requested to contribute $100.

"We plan a dignified publicity campaign, feeling it our duty to aid the voters in selecting judges from so large a field of candidates."

Samuel Scovil, Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. president, Wednesday made an open attack on the muny light plant, which he termed "A new broom that soon will not be sweeping so clean."

Scovil's statement resulted from the offer made by Mayor Baker Tuesday night to abandon the muny light plant if Scovil can prove it is not saving the citizens money.

Baker offered to throw open the muny plant books to Scovil if Scovil will throw open his books, and shouted, "He don't dare!"

Scovil said it was foolishness for Baker to talk that way," because C. E. I. books, he said, must be thrown open at the hearing before the utilities commission on a low light rate ordinance.

"Administration Pet."

"I know the municipal plant is not paying interest charges out of its earnings, and that proper charges have not been put against it on its books," said Scovil.

"The muny plant is the administration pet, put in operation for political argument. It has put the burden on taxpayers. No municipal plant in the country can approach privately-owned operation."

Baker's challenge to Scovil was issued in the democratic tent at W. 38th-st and Franklin-av, where Peter Witt traced his four years as tractioner.

Light Commissioner Ballard Wednesday issued his second muny light plant bulletin, in which he swings the sledge on statements concerning the plant made in a yellow booklet put out weeks ago by H. W. Wilson, C. E. I. employe.

Shows Profits Are $6789.

Ballard's bulletin shows the muny plant's profits for the first eight months of 1915 to have been $6789. It shows the muny plant completion has brought this result in a year:

Saved to muny plant power customers, $109,948; saved to C. E. I. power users by rate reduction, $542,874; saved for resident users of muny plant light, $197,371; saved for C. E. I. lighting customers, $122,962.

In addition, the booklet points out, the muny plant is saving the city $112,054 a year on street lighting.

Ballard flatly denies the charge of the yellow booklet that interest charges on the plant were not paid from its earnings.

Ballard sums up the plant success in this sentence:

"We have reached the point where our revenue is sufficient to pay all operating expenses and interest, and to build up a comfortable surplus, so that for 1916 the director of finance can certify to the budget commission that no levy will be required for interest

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BY JOHN T. BOURKE.

Adding to the gayety of the municipal campaign, C. E. Ruthernberg, Socialist candidate for mayor, yesterday challenged Peter Witt, Democratic organization candidate, to one or more public debates on the question of municipal ownership of the street car lines.

Ruthenberg, who was not included in the challenge of Witt that brought about the latter's debate with Miner G. Norton last Monday night, doesn't see how the traction commissioner can decline to meet him on the stump.

Witt, in scoring Harry L. Davis and Charles P. Salen for failure to accept his challenge, said Monday night, "Any man who refuses to meet another on the same platform in political debate either has not the brains to present his cause or the decency to defend his argument in the opposition's presence."

This declaration is quoted by Ruthenberg in his letter to Witt in which he says:

The proposal of the Socialist party to establish municipal ownership of the street car system is undoubtedly the most important matter which the voters will pass upon in this election.

Having publicly expressed your opinion that "any man who refuses to meet another on the same platform in political debate either has no brains to present his cause or the decency to defend his argument in the opposition's presence," and also stated that you intended voting against the Socialist ordinance, you will no doubt welcome the opportunity to discuss in debate the question on which, as street railway commissioner, the electors have a peculiar right to hear from you.

With these facts in mind I suggest a debate, or series of debates on the subject, "Resolved, that the city should establish municipal ownership of the car lines at once," you to take the negative and I the affirmative.

Upon receipt of your acceptance of this challenge I will be glad to take up the detailed arrangements with you.

The second debate between Witt and Norton will take place next Wednesday night at the Grays' armory.

This was decided yesterday by Norton, and Robert J. Buckley, chairman of the Democratic executive committee, acting for Witt. The Democratic tent would have been available for the talkfest but Norton said the second debate was to be "his party" as the first had been Witt's.

The detailed arrangements for the debate will be made later in the week.

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Ask Candidates to Speak.

An invitation was extended Miner G. Norton and Harry L. Davis to address the club a week from tonight.

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Thomas W. Fleming, one of the half dozen council candidates in the eleventh ward, yesterday accepted the challenge of Maurice H. Gelfand, one of his opponents, for a joint debate. In a letter to Gelfand, Fleming says he hopes the other candidates also will accept the challenge and avail themselves of the opportunity to appear before the voters and discuss ward issues.

KILL PLAN TO BUY CONCON, WITT TO URGE

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Asserts He Will "Settle for All Time" Question of Taxpayers Purchasing Concon, in Speech Friday Night.

Points Out System is Operating Smoothly Under Tayler Grant---Ruthenberg Says Purchase Would Save Money.

Peter Witt announced Thursday he will urge defeat of the socialists' initiated ordinance for city purchase of the street car lines when he speaks Friday night at E. 152d-st and Utopia-av.

This statement was made in answer to an open letter from C. E. Ruthenberg, socialist mayoralty candidate, asking Witt to debate the car purchase proposal, which Ruthenberg terms an important issue.

"I shall dispose of the proposal once and for all Friday night," said Witt. "I do not consider it an issue, because at this time talk of buying the car lines is absurd.

"The city would have to issue mortgage bonds on the Concon property and sell them at 6 per cent, a prohibitive rate. While I favor muny ownership, I do not consider it necessary to buy the lines now. We are operating well under the Tayler grant."

Complete Debate Plans.

Ruthenberg argues city ownership would bring greater economy. He believes mortgage bonds could be sold at 4½ to 5 per cent. The city can take over the lines at any time at the capital value plus 10 per cent, estimated to total $34,700,000.

Arrangements were completed Thursday for the finish at Grays armory next Wednesday night of the debate begun last Monday by Witt and Miner Norton.

Witt will not speak Thursday night. A democratic tent meeting scheduled for Storer-av and W. 54th-st Thursday night was canceled because rain has soaked the low-lying ground. Witt is to speak at the corner next week instead.

WETS AND DRYS ARE BUSY WRITING LETTERS

Both wets and drys Wednesday launched a campaign of letter writing to last until election day.

Nearly $25,000 will be spent for letters to Cuyahoga-co voters.

Wets Wednesday night planned to hold meetings at 8641 Buckeye-rd, Fairmount and Woodhill roads and 1313 Addison-rd.

NORTON PLANS CAMPAIGN

Miner G. Norton will devote Wednesday night to completing plans for his mayoralty campaign. He said Wednesday he had not arranged any speaking dates, and would not reveal his plans until they were completed. He did not speak Tuesday night.

SALEN PLANS MANY CAMPAIGN MEETINGS

Charles P. Salen has a busy night scheduled for Wednesday. In addition to speaking in his own ward, the first, he was to address an open meeting in the eighth ward, and a private meeting in a tenth ward house.

Wednesday was spent in arranging ward meetings and perfecting other details of organization. Tuesday night Salen held no political meetings, but addressed two Columbus day celebrations.

Daughters Hear Speech.

Witt and Mayor Baker got a big hand from an audience of 1500, of whom 300 were women, at a tent meeting at Denison-av and W. 99th-st, in ward 1, near Salen's home, Wednesday night. Rain failed to dampen the crowd's enthusiasm.

Witt's daughters, Hazel and Norma, sat in the front row to hear "dad" talk.

Witt advocated extension of muny ownership, pledged himself to fight for revision of tax laws as mayor, and told of his four years as tractioner.

"I see street cars in my sleep now," said Witt, while the crowd roared. "I live with 'em, and I s'pose if my ears burned when people are kicking now and then about 'rotten service,' I'd have no ears.

"But it's kicking that pays. If we hadn't kicked we'd be riding in chicken coops now for 5 cents, instead of in palace cars for 3.

Urges Bond Issue.

Witt urged approval of the $1,500,000 bond issue and said he'll not cut city activities whether it's approved or not, but will bank on revision of tax laws to keep Cleveland money for Cleveland, and to wipe out our big contribution to the state.

Baker opened by saying he's glad Witt indorses his administration, but that he's "perfectly willing to defend it himself."

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Disagree on Light Profits.

The Press' connection will be between 125 and 150 kilowatts. Robert Lindsay, vice president of the Illuminating company, said Thursday that although the Press' contract expires Friday and current could be refused, his corporation would continue serving the Press until November 1.

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Speaking at a meeting at Madisor ave. and W. 99th st., Witt urged th audience, which filled the rain-swep tent, to vote for the bond issue t meet deficits incurred largely by the Baker administration.

"I'll run the city government just as completely as it has been run in the past even if the bond issue is not carried," said Witt. "I will not lay off a patrolman or a fireman or stop any welfare activities. I'll bank on getting future relief from the legislature. I will go down to Columbus and not only ask but demand laws to give us revenue to run the city as the people want it run."

Uncollected Taxes Spent.

Witt said it was foolish for opposing candidates to talk about running the city within its means next year unless the bond issue was passed, as $1,500,000 of next year's tax funds had already been spent.

County commissioners should cease to put down any more pavements in the country until the city gets what is coming to it, Witt said. He also declared that Clevelanders paid state tax out of all proportion to services rendered by the state here.

Witt devoted most of his time to a discussion of the operation of the street railway system. He was hoarse and during the early part of the meeting found difficulty in making himself heard above the pattering rain.

He avoided personalities, made no reference by name to opposing candidates and the address was free from the vitriolic utterances that had marked previous addresses during the campaign.

Mayor Baker was the only other speaker. He urged voters to support Timothy Long, the administration candidate for council in the first ward. Baker said that it was important for a mayor to have men in the council who were in sympathy with his views. He said that it would be a "vain" thing for voters to elect a hostile council.

Baker on Filter Plant.

The mayor announced that he proposed to discuss some municipal projects each night of the campaign. Last night he selected the Division filtration plant.

He said that Miner G. Norton's charges in reference to the letting of the filtration plant contract were "scandalous, unjust, untrue and out of keeping with Mr. Norton's usual methods of debate."

Baker made no reference to the several years that he consistently opposed filtration. He said the typhoid fever rate did not begin to go up until after the big floods of 1913. He said that the plant would be in operation before the first of the year.

NORTON BOOSTERS ORGANIZE TONIGHT

LEADER

Candidate Answers Industrial Association's Questions; Square Deal for Capital and Labor.

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Norton, in accordance with a declaration some time since that he had given no pre-election promises to any individual or organization and purposed to make public every statement of that character, yesterday gave out for publication his replies to questions asked of him by the Industrial Association of Cleveland.

In reply to the questions put to him by C. O. Bartlett, president of the association, and Edward Hobday, its counsel and secretary, Norton said as a candidate for mayor he stood for the following propositions:

An economical and business administration.

Enforcement of law and order; and diligent and zealous prosecution of perpetrators of crimes and misdemeanors by the city law department in the criminal branch of the municipal court.

Awarding all public contracts pursuant to law to the lowest and best bidder; and all questions of doubt as to the best bidder to be resolved in favor of bidders resident of the city of Cleveland or environs.

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NORTON BEGINS ACTIVE FIGHT

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Some of those who spoke, besides Norton, were: James W. Holcomb; S. S. Ford, ex-judge; Guy O. Farquharson, bull moose leader; Max Goodman; Earl Wells, who said he withdrew in Norton's favor; Owen Evans, Harry J. Katz, W. J. Van Wye, and Hugh F. Taylor, president of the Scottish-American club that tried to get William Boyd into the race.

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Candidate Fights Bridge Subways, Demands Railroad Station for West Side.

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The campaign button bearing a picture of Peter Witt, and circulated by the Peter Witt Labor Club, is not union made, Charles P. Salen, Democratic mayoralty candidate, charged in speeches at two ward meetings last night. He declared his intentions of notifying the Witt club to that effect today.

The Witt buttons do not bear the stamp of the sheet metal workers' union as campaign buttons of the wets and other political factions do, according to Salen. Instead a piece of paper covers the back, where the metal workers' stamp is generally shown. The paper bears a typographical union label only.

Says Buttons Deceive.

Salen asserted the buttons must bear the metal workers' stamp to be strictly union made buttons and charged the paper bearing the stamp of the typographical union was placed in the back to deceive union men.

"The Peter Witt Labor Club, boasting of a strictly union membership, finds itself in the peculiar position of pinning nonunion made buttons upon union men," said Salen. "I would like to have Witt, who is talking about his warm friendship for organized labor, explain this matter."

Salen came out strongly against the construction of subways at the approaches of the new high level bridge, urging all West Side residents to protest against them. He declared their building would delay the opening of the bridge.

Speaking at West Side meetings, he denounced the present Democratic administration for not incorporating in its union station agreement with the railroads a provision for a station on the West Side. He stated that when he was director of public works the railroads agreed to give that section of the city a separate station.

Drop Party, He Urges.

He urged that the voters drop all their allegiance to party at this election and vote for the candidate best qualified for the office.

In speaking of the padded payrolls scandal at the city hall a dozen years ago, Salen declared that later in the campaign he would show how the city could recover money officials had no legal right to expend.

At a meeting in the blacksmith shop of John P. Smith, 1962 W. 26th st., Salen was presented with a good-luck horseshoe. In speaking at the same meeting Virgil P. Marani pointed dramatically at a pair of bellows and declared they symbolized "the most important part of Witt's make-up."

W. J. Whitehead also addressed the meeting at Smith's shop. Salen, Whitehead and Marani spoke early in the evening at a meeting in Tirley's garage, 9500 Madison ave.

DAVIS-SALEN BOWLING CLASH

LEADER

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They met by chance in the Jantz bowling alley, 6820 Central ave., and it was suggested that they get into trim for the battle of ballots that is to come.

Hurling off their hats, coats, collars and ties and rolling up their sleeves in a business-like manner they bowled five frames of tenpins. At the close they both apologized to 500 applauding onlookers for their lack of practice.

The score? That is a subject of dispute. The Salen contingent declares that Salen rolled 66 and Davis rolled 62. A recount of the tally sheet is expected.

LICENSE BOARD MEMBER DENIES DAVIS' CLAIMS

State Official Says Candidate Hasn't Been Told When Grants Will be Issued.

NO ORDERS RECEIVED HERE

However, Harry Says Liquor Permits Will be Mailed Before Election Day.

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PRESS

M. M. Rose, republican member of the state liquor license board, said Friday that neither Harry Davis nor any one else knows when the board is to order this year's licenses issued.

Davis said Thursday night he had direct information from the statehouse that licenses would be issued by Oct. 28. He claimed that he was defeated by Mayor Baker in 1913 because the licenses were held up till after election.

"We have had no meeting yet to decide when we'll order licenses given out by county boards," said Rose. "Davis talked without authority, if he said he knew anything about it."

Ed Horn, member of the Cuyahoga-co license board, said Friday he has received no word from the state board. The Greenlund law fixes Nov. 5 as the time by which licenses must be issued, and the state board has power to order this done before or after Nov. 2, election day.

Predicts His Election.

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"I'll run the city government just as completely as it has been run in the past even if the bond issue is not carried," said Witt. "I will not lay off a patrolman or a fireman or stop any welfare activities. I'll bank on getting future relief from the legislature. I will go down to Columbus and not only ask but demand laws to give us revenue to run the city as the people want it run."

Uncollected Taxes Spent.

Witt said it was foolish for opposing candidates to talk about running the city within its means next year unless the bond issue was passed, as $1,500,000 of next year's tax funds had already been spent.

County commissioners should cease to put down any more pavements in the country until the city gets what is coming to it, Witt said. He also declared that Clevelanders paid state tax out of all proportion to services rendered by the state here.

Witt devoted most of his time to a discussion of the operation of the street railway system. He was hoarse and during the early part of the meeting found difficulty in making himself heard above the pattering rain.

He avoided personalities, made no reference by name to opposing candidates and the address was free from the vitriolic utterances that had marked previous addresses during the campaign.

Mayor Baker was the only other speaker. He urged voters to support Timothy Long, the administration candidate for council in the first ward. Baker said that it was important for a mayor to have men in the council who were in sympathy with his views. He said that it would be a "vain" thing for voters to elect a hostile council.

Baker on Filter Plant.

The mayor announced that he proposed to discuss some municipal projects each night of the campaign. Last night he selected the Division filtration plant.

He said that Miner G. Norton's charges in reference to the letting of the filtration plant contract were "scandalous, unjust, untrue and out of keeping with Mr. Norton's usual methods of debate."

Baker made no reference to the several years that he consistently opposed filtration. He said the typhoid fever rate did not begin to go up until after the big floods of 1913. He said that the plant would be in operation before the first of the year.

NORTON BOOSTERS ORGANIZE TONIGHT

LEADER

Candidate Answers Industrial Association's Questions; Square Deal for Capital and Labor.

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Organization of a general committee for Miner G. Norton's mayoralty campaign will be perfected tonight at a conference in Letter Carriers' hall, Beckman building, 409 W. Superior ave. It is expected the committee as soon as formed will appoint subcommittees on ward organizations, meetings and speakers. An executive committee also will be named.

Norton, in accordance with a declaration some time since that he had given no pre-election promises to any individual or organization and purposed to make public every statement of that character, yesterday gave out for publication his replies to questions asked of him by the Industrial Association of Cleveland.

In reply to the questions put to him by C. O. Bartlett, president of the association, and Edward Hobday, its counsel and secretary, Norton said as a candidate for mayor he stood for the following propositions:

An economical and business administration.

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NORTON BEGINS ACTIVE FIGHT

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Miner Norton's campaign for mayor was in full swing Friday.

It was officially opened Thursday night, when about 500 of his followers attended a gathering at the Alley club.

Some of those who spoke, besides Norton, were: James W. Holcomb; S. S. Ford, ex-judge; Guy O. Farquharson, bull moose leader; Max Goodman; Earl Wells, who said he withdrew in Norton's favor; Owen Evans, Harry J. Katz, W. J. Van Wye, and Hugh F. Taylor, president of the Scottish-American club that tried to get William Boyd into the race.

"This is a campaign for good government," Norton said. "I want to give the city a good, clean administration, with a square deal for all classes. This city must not stop growing."

SALEN CALLS WITT BUTTON NONUNION

LEADER

Candidate Fights Bridge Subways, Demands Railroad Station for West Side.

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Says Buttons Deceive.

Salen asserted the buttons must bear the metal workers' stamp to be strictly union made buttons and charged the paper bearing the stamp of the typographical union was placed in the back to deceive union men.

"The Peter Witt Labor Club, boasting of a strictly union membership, finds itself in the peculiar position of pinning nonunion made buttons upon union men," said Salen. "I would like to have Witt, who is talking about his warm friendship for organized labor, explain this matter."

Salen came out strongly against the construction of subways at the approaches of the new high level bridge, urging all West Side residents to protest against them. He declared their building would delay the opening of the bridge.

Speaking at West Side meetings, he denounced the present Democratic administration for not incorporating in its union station agreement with the railroads a provision for a station on the West Side. He stated that when he was director of public works the railroads agreed to give that section of the city a separate station.

Drop Party, He Urges.

He urged that the voters drop all their allegiance to party at this election and vote for the candidate best qualified for the office.

In speaking of the padded payrolls scandal at the city hall a dozen years ago, Salen declared that later in the campaign he would show how the city could recover money officials had no legal right to expend.

At a meeting in the blacksmith shop of John P. Smith, 1962 W. 26th st., Salen was presented with a good-luck horseshoe. In speaking at the same meeting Virgil P. Marani pointed dramatically at a pair of bellows and declared they symbolized "the most important part of Witt's make-up."

W. J. Whitehead also addressed the meeting at Smith's shop. Salen, Whitehead and Marani spoke early in the evening at a meeting in Tirley's garage, 9500 Madison ave.

DAVIS-SALEN BOWLING CLASH

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They met by chance in the Jantz bowling alley, 6820 Central ave., and it was suggested that they get into trim for the battle of ballots that is to come.

Hurling off their hats, coats, collars and ties and rolling up their sleeves in a business-like manner they bowled five frames of tenpins. At the close they both apologized to 500 applauding onlookers for their lack of practice.

The score? That is a subject of dispute. The Salen contingent declares that Salen rolled 66 and Davis rolled 62. A recount of the tally sheet is expected.

LICENSE BOARD MEMBER DENIES DAVIS' CLAIMS

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Ed Horn, member of the Cuyahoga-co license board, said Friday he has received no word from the state board. The Greenlund law fixes Nov. 5 as the time by which licenses must be issued, and the state board has power to order this done before or after Nov. 2, election day.

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Mr. Davis made six meetings last night, autoing around through the rain with George Myers, former county treasurer, at the wheel. He expressed satisfaction with the numbers that turned out despite the weather.

He started on the West Side before the Cleveland Republican club. He said the big issue in the campaign is, "Shall the next mayor of Cleveland live within his means?" He answered the question by saying the next mayor must, and that if he is the man, it's settled.

"The crowd in the city hall says it's impossible, that they haven't sufficient funds," said Mr. Davis. "They have been in office thirteen out of the last fifteen years. Has it ever been tried? Have you ever known this crowd to try it?"

Mr. Davis at most of his meetings said examples of extravagance to be laid up against the Baker administration were "the paying of a $60,000 bonus for completion of work before it was needed, and letting $100,000 contracts without competitive bidding to outside concerns which employ outside labor when Cleveland concerns that would have employed Cleveland labor were lower bidders."

The candidate said he wasn't trying to fool anyone in this election, and that regardless of its being nonpartisan he stood forth as "a Republican and proud of it."

Mr. Davis said he wanted to refute a statement that he had promised a man the position of "city solicitor," and declared he had not made a single promise save his "pledges to the public." Mr. Davis then swelled the total of rewards offered so far in this campaign for proof of campaign charges. Mr. Davis said he would give $1,000 to charity if anyone could prove he had made a promise.

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PRESS.

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He started on the West Side before the Cleveland Republican club. He said the big issue in the campaign is, "Shall the next mayor of Cleveland live within his means?" He answered the question by saying the next mayor must, and that if he is the man, it's settled.

"The crowd in the city hall says it's impossible, that they haven't sufficient funds," said Mr. Davis. "They have been in office thirteen out of the last fifteen years. Has it ever been tried? Have you ever known this crowd to try it?"

Mr. Davis at most of his meetings said examples of extravagance to be laid up against the Baker administration were "the paying of a $60,000 bonus for completion of work before it was needed, and letting $100,000 contracts without competitive bidding to outside concerns which employ outside labor when Cleveland concerns that would have employed Cleveland labor were lower bidders."

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Mayor Baker shouldered the "responsibility" for the city's deficit.

"I spent money on the health division, and I'd borrow again to do it," said Baker. "There are 700 persons living tonight who would have been dead except for the increased vigilance of the bureau. Cleveland's death rate has been cut one in a thousand, so that it now has the lowest in the country."

Voters Today Will Be Given Third Chance to Register

LEADER

Partisan Organizations to Hustle Citizens to Polls in Effort to Break All Records for Enrollment—Last Chance Tomorrow.

BY JOHN T. BOURKE.

This is the third day for the registration of voters. Every partisan organization in Cleveland will make a supreme effort to have the name of every elector in Cleveland on the registration books before 10 o'clock tomorrow night.

Predictions are being made by political wiseacres that last year's record enrollment of more than 108,000 men will be surpassed. To beat this record 40,000 electors must enroll today and tomorrow.

The last chance for registration will be afforded tomorrow and to forestall a heavy rush to the booths tomorrow night strenuous efforts are to be made to get unregistered citizens enrolled today.

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Organizations conducting campaigns for the mayoralty candidates are displaying real interest in the registration for the first time. The unprecedented two days' registration to date of 68,943 men and 2,773 women is credited to the efforts of the wet and dry organizations and the suffragists.

Precinct lists of voters thus far registered have been obtained by the candidates for mayor and have been turned over to ward leaders to check against last year's list of registered electors. Precinct workers today will be instructed to look up men not yet enrolled and urge that they visit the booths and register.

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The Democratic organization's ward leaders received their final instructions yesterday, being told to let no citizen escape registration. Davis precinct committeemen in six wards Friday night were asked to give especial attention to registration. At a general organization meeting last night registration instructions were given the Davis leaders in all wards.

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Witt and Norton Debate at Armory.

Detailed arrangements for the second debate between Miner G. Norton and Peter Witt, candidates for mayor, were completed yesterday. Robert J. Bulkley, chairman of the Democratic executive committee, acting for Witt, formally agreed to Norton's proposition that the discussion take place in the Grays' armory next Wednesday night. Bulkley suggested that the speaking order in the debate of last Monday be reversed and Norton said this was perfectly satisfactory.

Norton will therefore open the discussion with a forty-five-minute argument in which he will reply to the seven questions put to him by Witt relative to the $52,000,000 of bonds that have been issued by the city in the last fifteen years. Witt will then be given fifty minutes for his principal argument. Fifteen minutes for reply will be allowed Norton and Witt will close the debate in a ten-minute talk.

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Salen is anxious that the liquor licenses for Cleveland shall be issued at once. It has been the understanding that the names of licensees for the ensuing year will be announced before instead of after election as was the case two years ago. Salen, however, insists the announcement be made at once and to this end he sent a telegram yesterday to the state liquor license board in which he said:

"I suggest you instruct the Cuyahoga county license commission to publish list of licensees for the ensuing year tomorrow, October 15, the day prescribed in the McDermott law."

The McDermott law is not yet in force, being held up under a referendum petition for approval or rejection by the electorate of the state on November 2.

The state board is operating under the Greenlund law, and can fix the date for announcing the successful applicants for license either before or after election.

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LEADER

Partisan Organizations to Hustle Citizens to Polls in Effort to Break All Records for Enrollment—Last Chance Tomorrow.

BY JOHN T. BOURKE.

This is the third day for the registration of voters. Every partisan organization in Cleveland will make a supreme effort to have the name of every elector in Cleveland on the registration books before 10 o'clock tomorrow night.

Predictions are being made by political wiseacres that last year's record enrollment of more than 108,000 men will be surpassed. To beat this record 40,000 electors must enroll today and tomorrow.

The last chance for registration will be afforded tomorrow and to forestall a heavy rush to the booths tomorrow night strenuous efforts are to be made to get unregistered citizens enrolled today.

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Organizations conducting campaigns for the mayoralty candidates are displaying real interest in the registration for the first time. The unprecedented two days' registration to date of 68,943 men and 2,773 women is credited to the efforts of the wet and dry organizations and the suffragists.

Precinct lists of voters thus far registered have been obtained by the candidates for mayor and have been turned over to ward leaders to check against last year's list of registered electors. Precinct workers today will be instructed to look up men not yet enrolled and urge that they visit the booths and register.

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The Democratic organization's ward leaders received their final instructions yesterday, being told to let no citizen escape registration. Davis precinct committeemen in six wards Friday night were asked to give especial attention to registration. At a general organization meeting last night registration instructions were given the Davis leaders in all wards.

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The Salen executive committee at a meeting yesterday afternoon sent out final orders to the committeeman in each precinct to hustle toda on registration. At the meeting o Norton adherents last night to forn an organization registration effor was urged upon the workers who ar supporting his candidacy.

Meanwhile the wet and dry or ganizations are continuing the worl they did last week and the week be fore in getting voters to the booth to register. Suffrage leaders planned to keep up their effort to have women enroll.

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In Lakewood, Bedford and Rocky River, the three Cuyahoga county municipalities where general registration is quadrennial, there will be special registration today and tomorrow for those electors where names were not on the enrollment books last year. Those registered voters who have moved since the last election must obtain transfers in order to vote in the precinct in which they now reside. The special registration in the three municipalities will be between 9 a. m. and 3 p. m. and between 5 and 10 p. m., eastern time, today and tomorrow.

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Witt and Norton Debate at Armory.

Detailed arrangements for the second debate between Miner G. Norton and Peter Witt, candidates for mayor, were completed yesterday. Robert J. Bulkley, chairman of the Democratic executive committee, acting for Witt, formally agreed to Norton's proposition that the discussion take place in the Grays' armory next Wednesday night. Bulkley suggested that the speaking order in the debate of last Monday be reversed and Norton said this was perfectly satisfactory.

Norton will therefore open the discussion with a forty-five-minute argument in which he will reply to the seven questions put to him by Witt relative to the $52,000,000 of bonds that have been issued by the city in the last fifteen years. Witt will then be given fifty minutes for his principal argument. Fifteen minutes for reply will be allowed Norton and Witt will close the debate in a ten-minute talk.

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Salen is anxious that the liquor licenses for Cleveland shall be issued at once. It has been the understanding that the names of licensees for the ensuing year will be announced before instead of after election as was the case two years ago. Salen, however, insists the announcement be made at once and to this end he sent a telegram yesterday to the state liquor license board in which he said:

"I suggest you instruct the Cuyahoga county license commission to publish list of licensees for the ensuing year tomorrow, October 15, the day prescribed in the McDermott law."

The McDermott law is not yet in force, being held up under a referendum petition for approval or rejection by the electorate of the state on November 2.

The state board is operating under the Greenlund law, and can fix the date for announcing the successful applicants for license either before or after election.

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Witt Refuses to Debate With Socialist.

Peter Witt, in a letter to C. E. Ruthenberg, his Socialist opponent for mayor, yesterday, indicated that he would refuse to engage in a debate upon municipal ownership of Cleveland's street car lines. Ruthenberg issued the challenge for a debate, and Witt, in his reply, said he would dispose of the proposal for purchase of the traction lines at his tent meeting tonight at Utopia ave. and E. 152d st.

Witt wrote to Ruthenberg that he did not consider the issue made by the Socialists to be a campaign issue because at this time it was absurd to talk of buying the street railway.

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This data is to be used by organization men in lining up their talking points. All the activity is in preparation for ward organization meetings beginning next week.

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Candidates for office, inclusive of those on the judicial ticket, have been invited to address members and friends of the Cleveland Independent Aid society. The meeting is to be held at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon in the Pythian temple, E. 9th-st and Huron-rd S. E.

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A Sixteenth Ward Independent Voters' club was organized yesterday afternoon at the home of Joseph Kujaski, 2624 E. 114th-st, to help boost the candidacy of Charles P. Salen for mayor.

The club intends to incorporate, and its business yesterday afternoon included an indorsement of Mr. Salen for mayor, of T. J. Martin for council and of Joseph Podsedly for assessor. Fred Minke was elected president and Joseph Kujaski, secretary.

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The Fifteenth Ward Harry L. Davis Nonpartisan club was organized last night at a meeting in Hill's hall, 8060 Broadway S. E., with 268 charter members.

The club has made arrangements to parade to Candidate Davis' home tonight with 250 automobiles and escort him to a tent meeting to be held at Broadway and Forman-av S. E.

Officers of the club are A. W. Hiskman, president; C. W. Shimmon, vice president; A. C. Binkley, secretary, and C. C. Shamp, treasurer.

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Davis declared that a formal challenge from him would be sent to Witt tomorrow. He gave this as his answer to what he termed "complaints" of Witt that other candidates wouldn't face him on the stump.

"I have never received either a verbal or written challenge from Witt to debate the issues in this campaign," said Davis. "So I am challenging him to meet me at any time or place and I'll answer any question and expect the same thing of him."

Scores Witt on Cars.

Davis charged that Witt as traction commissioner was directly to blame for the increase in street car fare because he permitted the street railway company to issue $8,000,000 worth of bonds for new equipment and "palatial car barns."

"Witt is altogether too friendly with the street railway company," said Davis. "It is his primary duty as traction commissioner to see that the railway doesn't spend too much. Has he done it? I believe that if an impartial audit was made of the company's books it would show some startling things. I charge, and ask Witt to answer it, that despite the fact that the company pays cash for its purchasers, there hasn't been a bill discounted. This alone would cause a loss in net earnings of close to one hundred thousand dollars. And Witt is to blame because he hasn't been onto his job.

"The railway company has been using Witt. No wonder President Stanley of the company is supporting him for mayor. Witt not many years ago said the Tayler grant was bad because it gave the company too many opportunities to get higher fare. Now he says he is for the Tayler grant. How does he reconcile these two statements?"

The meeting marked the opening of the Davis tent campaign. About 1,500 persons were crowded beneath the canvas. The tent was pitched near Davis' home and a parade of fifty automobiles, whose occupants attended, featured the meeting.

Favors Minimum Wage.

Davis outlined his stand upon the various referendums and bond issues to be submitted to the voters next month. He urged the passage of the union depot agreement, the Cleveland & Youngstown freight terminal grant and the minimum wage amendment to the city charter. He said he was squarely opposed to the purchase of the street car lines, the Barber subway grant and the deficiency bond issue.

He reiterated his declaration for combining the city and county government, the election of a city director of finance and removal of the power to appoint the civil service commission from the hands of the mayor.

In answering the questions of Witt as to what economy he would practice if elected mayor he declared he would continue the issuing of short time notes at 3 per cent interest to cover the deficit in operating expenses instead of issuing bonds for twenty years, bearing 4 or 4½ per cent. He advocated the enforcement of the city charter clause providing for a continuous city audit as "a means of attracting public attention to city finances and thus keeping officials' noses to the economy grindstone."

Cannot Answer Question.

Davis declared that Witt had the support of two newspapers and, not satisfied, was asking why the other two were remaining neutral. He said he could not answer Witt's question but in reference to the ones supporting Witt he wanted people to know that one was owned by a millionaire living in California and the other always supported a Democratic candidate "whether he was good or bad."

"I will go into office with no strings tied to me," said Davis. "There are no interests behind my campaign. I stand by myself. When elected there will be no one standing behind my chair with a club ordering me to do this or that."

Davis' biggest asset in this campaign was Witt's voice, Pierre A. White, one of the speakers, declared, and he expressed the hope that Witt would soon recover from his attack of sore throat. He declared the present administration's idea of economy was to lay off 2,000 street cleaners one day a week to save $5,000 and then appropriate $12,000 to pay a municipal orchestra.

Reads Witt's History.

"Witt declares he is for the man in overalls," said White. "It's twenty years since he worked for a private concern. A short time ago he ran the slot machines on the Eastland, which became so filled with the people's nickels that the boat couldn't turn over in the Cuyahoga river.

"Witt is the political Dr. Cook. He is the best slack-wire performer in the three-ring Democratic circus. He is continually swaying between capital and labor and claiming to be for both."

Councilman FitzGerald spoke on the condition of city finances. He reviewed Witt's public career from the time he was made teacher of Tom L. Johnson's tax school and declared during those fourteen years he had received $56,000 for his public services, as tax expert $6,000, as city clerk $20,000 and as traction commissioner $30,000.

Lamar T. Beman and Herbert S. Wood were other speakers at the meeting.

PRECINCT AIDES NORTON'S PLAN

Before the week ends Miner G. Norton's lieutenants claim he will have an organization of volunteer boosters that will cover every one of the 464 precincts in Cleveland.

Norton's attention Friday and yesterday was given almost entirely to the completing of his plan for organizing the city.

Reports received at his office in the Society for Savings building yesterday told of several ward organization meetings held in the East End Friday night and of other meetings last night. Among the organizations formed last night were clubs of workers in the eleventh, nineteenth, twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth wards. It was stated that these workers' clubs were arranging for house meetings and neighborhood gatherings next week.

The eleventh ward meeting held at 2355 Marion ave., was presided over by S. A. Ball. A Norton club was formed and plans discussed for a canvass of the ward.

Meetings were held by several of the Norton committees yesterday. The speakers' committee, which is to meet daily, with W. J. Van Wye as chairman, has arranged for a meeting to be held in the third ward Tuesday night. Thus far no other big meeting has been scheduled and none may be until after the Norton-Witt debate at the Grays armory next Wednesday evening. There will be, however, a number of small meetings in homes tomorrow and Tuesday for organization purposes.

WITT AND DAVIS WILL SPEAK AT TENT MEETINGS

Pete Promises to Talk Hoarseness Out of His Voice Saturday Night.

HARRY IS A-TENTING, TOO

"Sport" Salen Mails Out Circulars—Norton Tells Why He's Republican.

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sub head Sees Wireless

Pete Witt's going to talk the hoarseness out of his voice, he said Saturday, at the democratic tent meeting Saturday night at E. 105th-st and Colonial-av. He was laid up Friday night.

Tom Coughlin, finance director, took Pete's place at the meeting on E. 152d-st opposite Utopia-av. He and Mayor Baker spoke.

Coughlin urged voters to approve the $1,500,000 deficiency bond issue, pointing out that lack of revenue, not waste, caused Cleveland's financial trouble.

Baker told how vigilant work of the healthers has given Cleveland the lowest death rate in the country.

"Sport" Salen has sent out 40,000 pieces of mail to voters, men at his headquarters stated Saturday. Friday night "Sport" urged defeat of the deficiency bond issue.

Virgil Talks of "Crisis."

Virgil Marani, Salen backer, told 300 men at 15020 St. Clair-av Friday night that he regarded the "possibility of Pete Witt being elected as a crisis."

Harry Davis goes a-tenting Saturday night. He opens at Broadway and Forman-av, near his home. Councilman FitzGerald, Lamar Beman and Pierre White are to be Davis' sidekicks in the tent campaign.

Friday night Davis said again that he has word that liquor licenses will be issued Oct. 28. He said also:

"I am an ordinary man. I want to make Cleveland a 'regular' city. I'm a republican because I remember the soup houses of '93."

Hits Extravagance.

Miner Norton swung his "extravagance" hammer again Friday night at the wigwam of the twentieth ward republican club, 1788 E. 88th-st.

"The city has made poor contracts, and paid unnecessary bonuses," he said.

Norton added that the city went ahead with Barber subway plans without giving the people a chance to have a word.

Witt will address the Peter Witt labor club at its headquarters in the assembly room of the American house at 2:30 p. m. Sunday.

Noonday meetings are to be held under the auspices of the club starting Monday. Witt is to address these meetings. The first is to be held at noon Monday at Hamilton-av and E. 49th-st.

SALEN SAYS HE'LL SHOW CITY WASTES

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Promises to Make Accounting of Affairs if Elected Mayor Nov. 2.

PLAIN DEALER

Urges Citizens to Veto Bond Issue of $1,500,000 for Municipality.

Charles P. Salen, candidate for mayor, last night intimated that he will make a series of charges of waste and extravagance against the present city administration, taking up probably one charge at a time. Mr. Salen spoke before about 100 of his followers in the twenty-sixth ward in the basement of the Hermit hotel, 15020 St. Clair-av N. E.

"In the next week or so," said Mr. Salen, "I expect to show Mr. Baker where his administration has been wasteful, an administration that comes to you asking for a bond issue of $1,500,000 to make up its deficits. Such an appeal brands the administration in the public mind as a failure.

"I ask you and all of my friends to vote against this bond issue and on Jan. 1 when I am mayor I will make an accounting of affairs down at the city hall and the people of this city probably will be shocked."

Mr. Salen last night charged there had been much waste in the operation of the municipal heating plant in the East End. He said this plant showed a loss of $28,000 in its heating of about 200 East End homes.

"And they come to you with a bond issue, asking you to make up this deficit. Why, the city could have bought coal and distributed it free to the home owners served and would not have lost as much as it has."

Mr. Salen took to himself credit for the passing of the Fellinger bill at the last session of the general assembly which permits municipalities to issue bonds for sewage disposal plants outside of the debt limit.

"The administration did not attempt to complete this sewage disposal plant work until it had reached its debt limit. Members of the general assembly were opposed to the bill which gave municipalities so much more leeway in regard to indebtedness but I went to Gov. Willis myself and urged that it be permitted to pass. And when you are asked to vote for these bonds I want you to support the measure.

"The only pledge I make to you is in my contract and I think this is the only instance in which you have had a mayoralty candidate showing in black and white for what he stands."

Mr. Salen invited all Collinwood persons to come to the city hall with their troubles when he is elected mayor.

Mr. Salen paid but little attention to the other candidates except to assert that in non-partisan elections voters should pay no attention to Republican or Democratic candidates.

"The great silent vote of this city," he said, "will be for the non-partisa candidate."

Speakers preceding Mr. Sal aimed attacks at Peter Witt. Clence L. Jones, candidate for mu ipal judge, said he is the only jud candidate who has lined up wit mayoralty candidate and he ch Mr. Salen because he thought M Salen better qualified for the pos tion than any of the others.

Virgil Marani, building inspector under former Mayor Baehr, bitterly assailed Mr. Witt. Mr. Marani said Mr. Witt had "insulted and maligned the civic associations of our city and has vituperated and maligned the clergy of our city."

Mr. Marani attacked the Plain Dealer in his remarks, saying the Plain Dealer had been inconsistent in "printing columns of news and editorials in support of the new city charter and now turns around and supports Peter Witt as the Democratic candidate for mayor."

R. E. Willing of the tax commissioners' office was chairman of the meeting.



"Come on, boys, we'll knock her off the map!"

"BOOST BOOK" GIVES SI

PETE WITT'S "boost book" was out Saturday. It's issued by the democratic executive committee. Here are sentences from its introduction:

"The job of mayor of Cleveland is not one for the amateur, the double-dealer or the back number. Its incumbent can make us halt and flounder or lead us forward to new triumphs and successes.

"Without courage, determination, training and initiative no man should be trusted with this high office. Peter Witt is not the only man in Cleveland who possesses these qualities; but he is the only candidate for mayor who has them and who is fit to occupy the post."

Stands on His Record.

Another "boost book" sentence is:

"Upon his record as street railroad commissioner, and upon the achivements of the Baker administration, Peter Witt stands as candidate for mayor."

The book tells how Witt's labor, as tractioner, doubled the number of cars by building 384 new motor cars and 300 trailers; increased trips 42 per cent; extended tracks 35 miles; rehabilitated the power system; built four operating stations; constructed shops to handle 3000 cars.

The book summarizes Witt's platform as follows:

FORCE the Illuminating Company to lower its light rate to three cents by March 1, 1916. The municipal light plant has demonstrated that three-cent light is profitable and that power can be so cent.

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REAR ADMIRAL TO FACE NAVY COURTMART

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1 Courtmartial of Rear Adm William N. N. Little, retired, charges of carelessness in insp ing the new submarine K-2 be held Monday at Boston.

Admiral Little is said to h accepted the boat knowing it defective, when the shipbuil

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DEMOCRATS CAUSE $400,000 DEFICIT

PLAIN DEALER Staff Correspondent.

'Needlessly Plunged City Into Debt,' is Charge Candidate Makes at Meeting.

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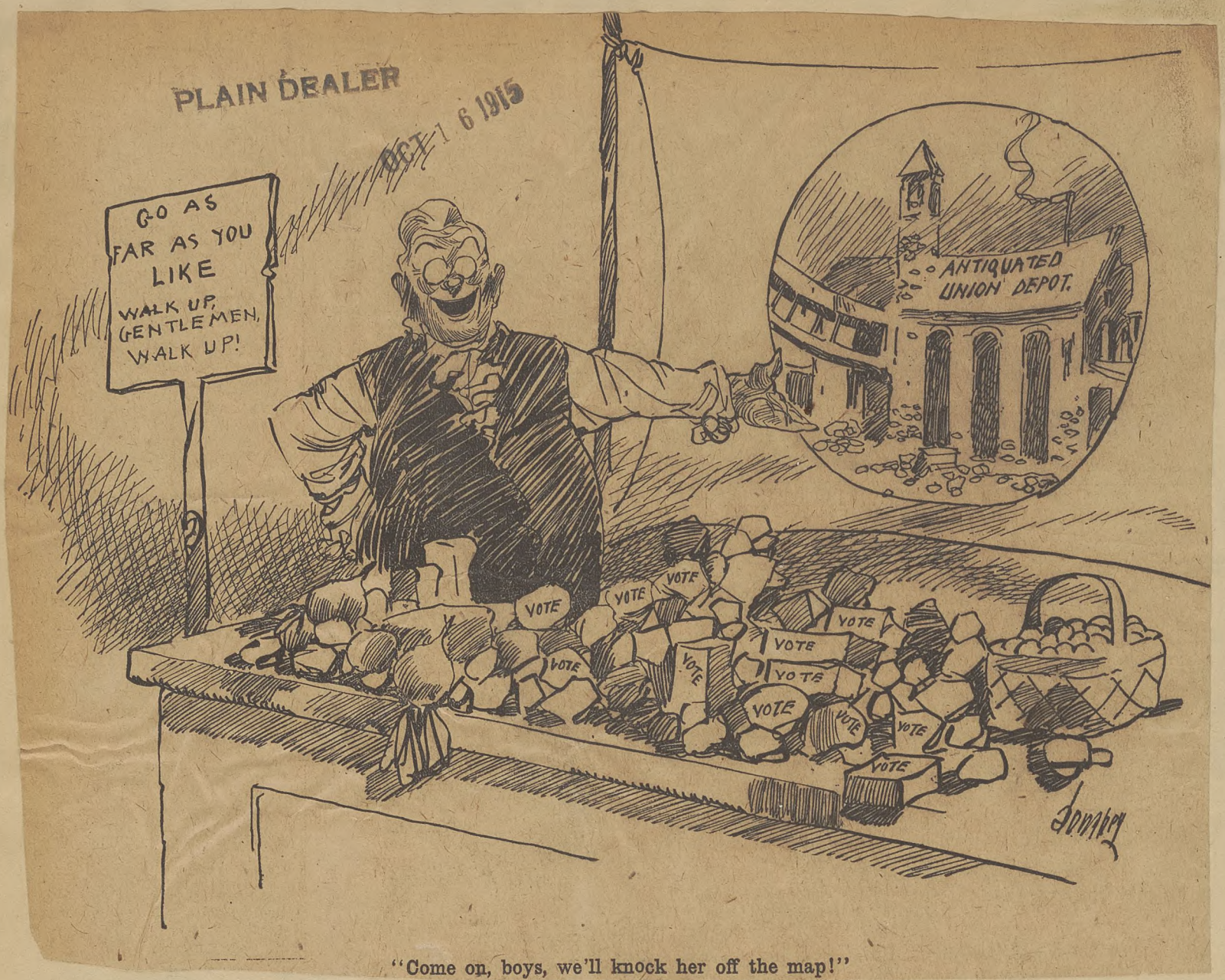
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"BOOST BOOK" GIVES SIX BIG PLANKS IN WITT'S PLATFORM

PETE WITT'S "boost book" was out Saturday. It's issued by the democratic executive committee. Here are sentences from its introduction:

"The job of mayor of Cleveland is not one for the amateur, the double-dealer or the back number. Its incumbent can make us halt and flounder or lead us forward to new triumphs and successes.

"Without courage, determination, training and initiative no man should be trusted with this high office. Peter Witt is not the only man in Cleveland who possesses these qualities; but he is the only candidate for mayor who has them and who is fit to occupy the post."

Stands on His Record.

Another "boost book" sentence is:

"Upon his record as street railroad commissioner, and upon the achivements of the Baker administration, Peter Witt stands as candidate for mayor."

The book tells how Witt's labor, as tractioner, doubled the number of cars by building 384 new motor cars and 300 trailers; increased trips 42 per cent; extended tracks 35 miles; rehabilitated the power system; built four operating stations; constructed shops to handle 3000 cars.

The book summarizes Witt's platform as follows:

FORCE the Illuminating Company to lower its light rate to three cents by March 1, 1916. The municipal light plant has demonstrated that three-cent light is profitable and that power can be sold for less than one cent.

To save its business the Illuminating Company reduced its rates for large consumers to the city's power rate, saving these customers more than $800,000 last year.

It, however, refuses to give to its 70,000 small customers the rate charged by the city.

If elected mayor, Peter Witt proposes fixing March 1, 1916, as the date on which the Illuminating Company must give to all its customers the rates charged by the city.

Failure on its part to make this reduction will be met by a submission to the voters of Cleveland of a bond issue for the enlargement of the municipal plant so that all citizens may be given the benefit of cheap light.

REWRITE the building code so as to encourage and not hamper building construction in Cleveland.

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REPAVE the principal thorofares. With the going of the horse must also go the pavement laid for wagon traffic.

The weight of the automobile truck and the rapidity of the pleasure car must be recognized. The pavement foundation must be stronger, its surface smoother.

To do this money must be had. Let the charter be amended so as to provide the way for raising the revenue, and also establish a principle for repaving.

To this end let the abutting owner on streets to be repaved pay 20 per cent of the cost, and the balance met by an assessment on the remainder of the city.

By this method our streets could be speedily repaved, a fixed policy established, and not a general bond issued.

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PUSH the union depot project so that construction will begin as soon as the city has turned over the depot site.

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RID Cleveland of the two-telephone nuisance and improve telephone service. Our rival companies are in competition with each other for business, not service or cost.

They should consolidate, but this both refuse to do, for consolidation under the laws of Ohio must be made on a basis of physical value only.

The only relief, therefore, is to compel an interchange of service, which service should be rendered for a reasonable return on the cost involved.

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WORK for a reformation of state tax laws so that Cleveland will obtain annually $500,000 which goes to build county roads, $400,000 which goes to build state roads in Highland-co and elsewhere, and $500,000 of local liquor license money which goes for improvements in dry counties which won't stand for the public sale of liquor.

These items total $1,400,000 per year.

If we had this sum which is so unjustly taken from us, we could take care of the deficit, reduce the city tax levy, and meet the demand for additional municipal services which of necessity become larger and larger by reason of Cleveland's tremendous growth.

DEMOCRATS CAUSE $400,000 DEFICIT

PLAIN DEALER

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DAVIS TELLS STAND AT BIG TENT RALLY

Mayoralty Candidate for C. & Y. Grant, Depot Ordinance and $2.50 Wage.

Opposes the Barber Subway Franchise and Bond Issue for City Expense.

PLAIN DEALER

In opening his tent campaign at Forman-av and Broadway S. E., last night, Harry L. Davis, candidate for mayor, made clear to his neighbors and boyhood friends where he stood on the issues that are to come up in Cleveland's municipal election Nov. 2.

One by one he took up these issues, his remarks showing this:

He is in favor of The Cleveland & Youngstown grant, the union depot ordinance, and the charter amendment calling for $2.50 a day pay to men working on public contracts.

He is opposed to the Barber subway grant and to the $1,500,000 bond issue for city expenses.

Mr. Davis came to his tent meeting at the head of an automobile parade which covered a number of South End streets. He found about 1,500 persons waiting for him and his entrance was greeted with long cheers.

In taking up the problems to be voted on Mr. Davis said:

"I am for the C. & Y. grant because through its operation property owners on lower Broadway may have an opening through to Woodland-av S. E. In my opinion if it was not for the fact the present minority members of council opposed this grant and made it possible for you to vote on it the railroads would not have agreed to build the union depot and they would not have agreed to electrification.

"Property owners on lower Broadway must have an opening through to Woodland-av and if I were not sure this could be brought about by operation of this ordinance I would not be in favor of the grant.

"As for the new Union depot, everybody is for it. It is my candid opinion that if there had not been so much cheap politics the last fifteen or twenty years we would have had a union depot long ago.

"I am for the proposed amendment to the charter providing that employes on public contracts shall get a minimum wage of $2.50 a day. And I want to ask where the other candidates stand on it. Why do they not declare themselves?

"I am opposed to the Barber subway grant because I don't believe in giving away the rights for building a railway, either subway or surface lines, to persons who are not willing to give a bond to start the work by a definite date or to finish it at some specific time. These are valuable rights and until some company comes along and gives such bonds we should keep them to ourselves. Mr. Barber may be well intentioned, but we are setting a bad precedent in giving away a grant that a company might hold until the value increases and the franchise might be sold at a profit with the city of Cleveland holding the bag.

"As for the $1,500,000 bond issue to make up the city's deficits, I am opposed to it. It is high time that you insisted that public officials eliminated waste and extravagance. Those favoring it say we must pay our debts. But why rob Peter to pay Paul? Don't borrow money to pay back borrowed money.

"Would it not be better to issue short-time notes saving from 1 to 1 1-2 per cent. on the issue? The notes would expire every six months, but it would keep the officials' noses to the grindstone and in a few years we would have paid off our indebtedness and could start with a new slate."

In discussing the $1,500,000 bond issue Mr. Davis said former Mayor Herman Baehr charged he inherited $400,000 indebtedness from Tom L. Johnson and that Mayor Baker said he inherited $392,000 of it from Mr. Baehr.

"If that is true," said Mr. Davis, "then the present administration itself is responsible for over $1,000,000 of the indebtedness."

"I stand for clean, well paved and well lighted streets, pure water, low car fare and more parks in the congested districts. Peter Witt calls attention to the fact that one of our newspapers remains neutral, and that I have no newspaper support. Of the papers supporting him one is owned by a California millionaire who does not spend a dollar in Cleveland, while the other has never been known to support a candidate for mayor except a Democrat.

"I am making this fight alone. I am supported by no corporation or by any man who expects to profit if I am elected."

Mr. Davis also declared himself for the election of the director of finance as provided in the charter and the removal of appointment of the civil service commission from the mayor. He again pleaded for a county of Cleveland and said if elected he would do all he could to bring it about.

A clean campaign was promised by Mr. Davis.

"Two years ago," he said, "I made the best campaign I knew how. Except when Mr. Baker called me boyish and I replied by calling him girlish it was a clean campaign and this one will be as clean as the last, as far as I am concerned.

"I will make you a good mayor, the kind of a mayor you would have me, and in two years I will come back to you with clean hands and you will say, 'Well done, Harry.'"

Lamar T. Beeman was chairman of the Davis meeting.

Councilman W. S. FitzGerald went into considerable details in presenting his charges of extravagance and indebtedness, saying the city now must pay $5,300,000 a year for interest and sinking fund. He said the administration has made no effort to retire bonds when they are due: He added the bonded indebtedness of the city is $54,000,000, of which over $52,000,000 has been incurred since 1901. The population has increased 37 per cent. in ten years, he said, while the public debt has increased 138 per cent.

Attorney Pierre White confined most of his remarks to attacks on Peter Witt.

Herbert C. Wood said a Republican president will be elected next year and that Cleveland should follow Chicago's example in electing a Republican mayor.

CAMPAIGN SIDELIGHTS

This week will see five of the six candidates for mayor together on the same platform for twenty-minute addresses.

The Young Men's Business club yesterday had received acceptances from each of the five to speak next Friday evening at the club's home, 2738 Prospect-av S. E.

The five are Peter Witt, Harry L. Davis, Miner G. Norton, Charles P. Salen and C. E. Ruthenberg, Socialist.

Officials of the club said yesterday afternoon that at least 400 club members would attend the meeting, which, because of the presence of the candidates, will be one of the campaign features of the week.

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Supporters of the Lakewood franchise proposal to extend the Madison-av N. W. car line through the suburb from W. 117th-st to Rocky River, which is an issue in the Lakewood campaign, having announced a challenge to debate, opponents of the franchise agreed to accept yesterday.

The Lakewood citizens' committee, which is fighting the grant, offered to have Attorney C. R. Cross debate against the franchise with Attorney George Palda, who was the challenger for the supporters of the grant. Mr. Palda challenged either B. F. Mills, candidate for mayor, or any member of the opposing committee, it was explained.

Stipulations of conditions made by Mr. Cross in accepting were that each principal should name a committee to arrange details, that the debate should be held in a tent if possible, that it be staged not earlier than Thursday night, but that it be held preferably this week.

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Debates and more debates.

"Resolved, that the election of Peter Witt is more beneficial to the colored race than the election of Miner G. Norton," is the wording of a question to be debated Friday night in Teutonia hall, E. 31st-st and Scovill-av S. E., under auspices of the Eleventh Ward Colored Democratic club, according to announcement yesterday.

The affirmative is to be upheld by Oliver F. Gray, formerly a deputy under the liquor license commissioners. The negative is to be argued by Attorney C. W. Sutton.

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Another debate.

Charles C. Goldman, candidate for council in Ward 12 against Councilman Alex Bernstein, yesterday challenged Councilman Bernstein to debate.

The challenge, sent by mail, offers a debate on any question affecting the ward or the city at large.

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The Fourth Ward Republican club is to hold a Davis meeting in Friedman's hall, W. 47th-st and Lorain-av, Wednesday night. Harry L. Davis, candidate for mayor, and Oscar Berg, candidate for council are to speak.

WITT, VOICE BACK, HITS AT SOCIALISTS

Says He's Not for Purchase of Street Railway by Big Issue of Bonds.

For Municipal Ownership, but Assents Car Lines Cannot Get Away.

PLAIN DEALER
OCT 17 1915

When Peter Witt warmed up to his subject at the tent meeting at E. 105th-st and Colonial-av N. E. last night there was little evidence of the throat trouble which kept him off the stump the past few days.

Mr. Witt's opposition to the plan of the Socialists for a bond issue to purchase the street railway property was the keynote of his speech.

"I am for municipal ownership," he declared. "But first go into other forms of municipal business. The street car lines can't get away from you."

"I never thought the time would come when speaking would knock me out," he said starting his speech in a low tone. "But it got me at last. It was an affliction that I presume some of my enemies would wish would last on me for good.

"The Socialists are asking you to vote for a bond issue to buy up the street railway properties. I am opposed to it. I am for municipal ownership of all public properties, and would have them run for service instead of for profit. The time will come when the railway property will belong to the people.

"But the city can't buy the property and pledge its credit for the purchase. The bond buyers will take only mortgage bonds. At present you, the people, are paying the stockholders 6 per cent. on the stock. You are in partnership with the street car company. The city directs and the company runs the lines.

"If we could issue bonds at 4 per cent. instead of 6 per cent., there would be a saving in interest of $600,000. Then we could reduce the fare or buy more equipment.

"My opponent talks of floating a bond issue of $34,000,000 as though it were an easy thing. He is accustomed to thinking in big figures. I would like to see some one float the issue with the physical value of the property as security. You must remember that when the Tayler grant was given there was $7,000,000 of water in the stock. There is still something like $3,000,000 in it.

"I would like to see anyone pledge the property for $5,000,000 more than its physical value. That is another reason I oppose it.

"We have the finest car system in the United States and are operating it at the lowest rate of fare. It can't get away from us. We have the right under the amendment to say six months hence we want to take over the property.

"The city has shown by its operation of the electric light plant that it is capable of making a success in other lines. A city always does things better than does a private corporation.

"Reporters are continually looking over things at the city hall and they find out what's going on. What if they snooped around in private corporations the way they do in public offices? The New York, New Haven & Hartford scandal and the insurance investigation are evidence of the rottenness in private companies."

Mr. Witt reviewed the illuminating situation and declared that "Sam Scovil with his illuminating company will have to deal with me after I am in office in sixty days. If he does not [illegible] pal plant, we will double its capacity and compel him to do it."

In the course of his speech Mr. Witt declared for peace through disarmament, asserting: "I deny that Christianity has ever been tried in 2,000 years. What blasphemy there is in Europe where each side is praying for success of its arms."

Mayor Newton D. Baker, preceding Mr. Witt, talked of the present administration and outlined what had been done to make Cleveland the healthiest large city in the country

SALEN LINKS SPORT AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

Before South Siders, Claims Credit for Starting Sunday Baseball.

OCT 17 1915

Replies to Letter Which Says Platform 'Lacks Spirit of God.'

PLAIN DEALER

Athletic sports fostered by a city and their effect upon the religious life of youth and manhood, was the subject of talks given last night at two meetings by Charles P. Salen, candidate for mayor. The meetings were held at the Woodmen of the World hall at W. 25th-st and Denison-av S. W., and at the Johnson house, Pearl-rd and Broadview-rd S. W. In addition Mr. Salen held two house meetings in the East End.

Talking to a large crowd at the Johnson house Mr. Salen read a newspaper clipping commenting on a statement made two weeks ago by Peter Witt in which Mr. Witt is quoted as telling the county commissioners and others that he favored sending to jail any man so careless as to get in the way of a street car and delay several thousand persons reaching their homes or their business.

"Residents of your section have been seeking an extension of the car line out State-rd," said Mr. Salen. "Mr. Witt wanted to leave the tracks uncovered—a condition which would have been dangerous to traffic—but the county commissioners refused to do so unless the railroad shouldered the blame for accidents."

At the meeting at the Woodmen's hall Mr. Salen told of receiving a letter yesterday from J. V. Hitchcock, a Brooklyn resident, in which Mr. Hitchcock said that Mr. Salen's platform "lacked the spirit of God." Taking this as his text Mr. Salen replied that "the uplift work that springs from athletic sports which I have always fostered disputes Mr. Hitchcock's statement."

"There are two moods that represent the two extremes of human disposition—the serious and the merry," said Mr. Salen. "A government, planning its policies, must take both into consideration.

"We establish parks, playgrounds and skating rinks to secure the health and happiness of our children. Anything that has the tendency to promote physical well being, especially of youth, should be provided and encouraged. Athletic sports of America reflect the vigor and vitality of our people and bring out the qualities that make for healthy manhood and womanhood.

"When I first established Sunday baseball in Cleveland I was bitterly denounced and opposed by many of the best meaning people. At the time they simply did not understand. They did not realize, as they did very soon after, that it was better to draw the youth of Cleveland to the baseball diamonds in the parks than to have them mope away their Sunday afternoons in solemn solitude or indulge in diversions that were pernicious. The knowledge that they could spend their afternoons in healthful recreations was an incentive to devote their mornings to the service of the church.

"There is no truth so self-evident as that all humanity needs the sustaining power of religion to bring out all that is highest and best.

"I have always pitied the man in whom was lacking the belief in God, and I have always held before me as the most beautiful picture of human life that picture of the devout old woman left alone in the world, sitting in devotion with her prayerbook in her hand, her face illumined with the light of an eternal hereafter."

Norton Speaks Tomorrow at Madison-av Gathering

Plans for this week's campaigning by Miner G. Norton were laid yesterday. Mr. Norton will be a speaker at a Norton mass meeting to be held tomorrow night at 10504 Madison-av N. W. Other speakers will be former Judge S. S. Ford and J. W. Holcomb. Norton campaign activities were carried into the eleventh and twelfth wards yesterday.

In Ward 11, at the home of S. A. Ball, 2358 Marion-av S. E., a meeting indorsed Mr. Norton for mayor and completed an organization with S. A. Ball as president, Charles S. Sutton, secretary, and C. J. Sayles, treasurer.

Mr. Norton was indorsed at a meeting in Ward 12 at the home of Maj. J. Robinson, 3346 Scovill-av S. E. An organization was formed with Maj. Robinson as president, Leonard Fairfax as secretary and W. Lewis as treasurer.

NORTON, SALEN, DAVIS, WITT TO DINE TOGETHER

Four Mayoralty Candidates Will Speak Fifteen Minutes Each at Builders' Exchange Luncheon.

LEADER OCT 7 1915

BY JOHN T. BOURKE.

Four candidates for mayor, Harry L. Davis, Miner G. Norton, Charles P. Salen and Peter Witt, have accepted invitations to be the guests of the Cleveland Builders' Exchange at a noonday luncheon next Monday.

Each candidate has consented to speak fifteen minutes upon the issues of the municipal campaign and explain his position upon questions receiving attention in the contest for the mayoralty.

A. C. Klumph, president of the exchange, will be the toastmaster and introduce the speakers. Two years ago in the municipal campaign, the then mayoralty candidates, Newton D. Baker and Harry L. Davis, engaged in a heated discussion at a exchange luncheon. Interest shown in the coming meeting indicates that the candidates will have a large audience of business men.

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Harry L. Davis' speaking campaig will be formally opened tonight with a meeting in the Alley Club, in E. 3d st., near Euclid ave. Davis will present his platform as a candidate for mayor to his campaign committee of 200. He will term the platform his pledge to the people and will present it, following addresses by Councilman W. S. FitzGerald, Lamar Beman and Pierre A. White.

Eight subcommittees of the general committee will be named, each to have charge of special work in the campaign. Recommendations for places on these subcommittees were made last night at a conference of the Davis ward leaders, held in his headquarters, 714 Schofield building.

Davis will speak at West Side meetings Friday night and in the thirteenth ward Saturday night, but his big meetings will not start until next Monday.

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Norton to Speak.

Miner G. Norton, who has been prosecuting a quiet campaign for mayor, will speak tonight to the Fifth Ward Republican Club in its rooms, 2818 W. 25th st. William J. Delaney, Republican candidate for council in the fifth ward, will also address the club. This is the only speech scheduled for Norton until next Monday, when he will debate with Peter Witt in the Democratic tent.

Witt has not been assigned to any meetings until Saturday night, when he will start his tent meeting campaign on the West Side.

Charles P. Salen will address several house meetings tonight and tomorrow night will speak at a thirteenth ward gathering in Brom's hall, 5300 Hamm ave.

A group of Salen supporters interested in athletics will meet tonight at his headquarters, 322 Superior ave. N. W.

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The need of the Republican party in Cleveland for a live, active, fighting organization was urged upon the John Hay Club by Congressman Henry I. Emerson yesterday. Emerson was the speaker at the weekly luncheon of the club in the Cuyahoga restaurant. The congressman declined to discuss the local political situation because of the fact there were two Republicans seeking the mayor's office. He outlined what he purposes to do at the coming session of Congress. He wanted his friends to be honest with him, and asked that they send to him any criticism they desired to make on his stand on any public question.

"When I get to Washington two months from now," he said, "I want to know what the people back home think about measures before Congress. I don't care what lobbyists in Washington may say so long as I serve the people as they desire to be served.

Sees G. O. P. Victory.

"I can't see how the Republicans can lose in 1916, but I do not believe in sleeping at the switch. We must not overlook anything nor indulge in over confidence.

"In Congress I shall vote for what I believe to be to the best interests of the Republican party, for I believe the Republican policies are best for the country. I am for a protective tariff law. I believe the time has arrived when this country must take a stand for national defense. We should have a navy that commands the respect of every nation in the world. I am in favor of national preparedness. I believe we should teach patriotism and love of country to our youth. Every vote I cast in Congress will be for America first."

Resolutions deploring the death of Frederick Bagley of The Leader staff were adopted by the club, tributes to his memory being paid by Monroe Curtis, Miner G. Norton, Pierre White and Herbert C. Wood.

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Charles P. Salen last night addressed a meeting of the Hungarian Citizens' League at West Side Turn hall. The league represents all the Hungarian societies in the city. The meeting was behind closed doors.

Salen, in his speech, discussed the financial condition of the city and other questions treated by him in his mayoralty platform. He laid special stress upon the alleged interference of city officials with the right of individuals. No mention was made by him of the attack upon him Tuesday night by Peter Witt.

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The speakers' committee of the Salen league did not complete its selection of orators for the Salen campaign yesterday and will meet again at 4:30 p. m. today.

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Charles P. Salen has been indorsed for mayor by the Seventh Ward Nonpartisan Club, which organized Tuesday night by electing L. B. Thompson, president; J. F. Whalen, vice president; P. B. McKenna, secretary, and J. W. Downey, treasurer. The club will meet Saturday night in Harding's hall, W. 11th st. and Fairfield ave., to arrange a series of meetings for the seventh ward.

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Williams V. Backus, candidate for chief justice of the municipal court, has been invited to address the Workingmen's Social and Literary Club at Teutonia hall, Scovill ave., this evening.

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Bert F. Mills, candidate for mayor in Lakewood, will open his campaign at a camp fire and smoker tonight at 1452 Wayne ave. He will state his platform and discuss campaign issues. Other speakers will be Attorney C. R. Cross, John A. Nea[illegible]

DAVIS AGREES TO DEBATE WITH WITT

Offers to Meet Democrat After Statement He Never Got Challenge.

Bulkley Sends Letter Notifying That Meeting Will be Staged.

OCT 15 1915

BULLETIN.

Early this morning, when notified by the Plain Dealer of the acceptance of his debate challenge, Harry L. Davis said he did not want to announce whether he would accept the terms of challenge until he had received Mr. Bulkley's letter.

Harry L. Davis and Peter Witt candidates for mayor, probably will come together in joint debate early this week.

PLAIN DEALER

Challenges and acceptances flew thick and fast last night. In his opening tent meeting at Forman-av and Broadway, S. E., Mr. Davis said he never had received a verbal or written invitation to enter into debate with Mr. Witt. Mr. Witt recently challenged any of the mayoralty candidates to debate.

"Mr. Witt says candidates for mayor will not accept his challenge to debate," said Mr. Davis. "I now say to Peter Witt: 'I will debate with you at any time you say.' A letter will go in the mails Monday morning challenging him to meet me in debate on the issues of the campaign."

Bulkley Accepts for Witt.

Former Congressman R. J. Bulkley, chairman of the Democratic county executive committee, was in the tent and heard the challenge. Upon his return to his office Mr. Bulkley, on behalf of Mr. Witt, wrote out an acceptance of the Davis challenge. With a special delivery stamp on it, that it might reach Mr. Davis today, the acceptance is in the mails, inviting Mr. Davis to debate with Mr. Witt in the Democratic tent at Broadway and Gallup-av S. E. tomorrow night at 8 o'clock.

Following is Mr. Bulkley's letter

As there seems to be some misunderstanding on your part as to whether Mr. Witt has challenged you to a joint debate on the issues of the campaign, I am writing to advise you that he thought you understood that you were challenged, inasmuch as you have been quoted as saying you would not debate with him. This letter will confirm the challenge.

Agreeable to your statement made in your tent this evening that you would meet Mr. Witt whenever he says, I now invite you to meet him in our tent at Broadway and Gallup-av Monday evening, Oct. 18, at 8 o'clock. Will you please advise me of any details which you want to have agreed upon in advance?

OCT 16 1915 PLAIN DEALER

SEES BIGGEST VOTE IN HISTORY OF CITY BY REGISTRATION

OCT 16 1915

Elections Board Predicts Over 114,000 Will be Enrolled When Booths Shut at 10 P. M. Today.

Peter Witt, Kept From Speaking Second Day by Attack of Laryngitis, is Billed Tonight.

PLAIN DEALER

THREE CANDIDATES AND MAYOR ADDRESS CROWDS

Total of Women to Qualify is Expected to Reach at Least 5,000.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Next to the last opportunity for registration, of which such numbers took advantage a record smashing total is assured, and with the fights of the four leading candidates for mayor being aided from the stump last night, yesterday was the busiest day of municipal politics thus far in the campaign.

Laryngitis, induced by strain, had Peter Witt's throat in a condition yesterday that made his physician deem it advisable for him to refrain from speaking, and he again missed a night of campaigning.

The Democratic tent was pitched last night as scheduled, however, on E. 152d-st, opposite Utopia-av N. E. Mayor Newton D. Baker spoke and Director of Finance Thomas Coughlin took the place of Candidate Witt.

It was confidently expected last evening that the street railway commissioner would be in shape to speak tonight, and the Democratic organization will bill the meeting with his name on the speaking list.

Hoarseness Due to Speaking.

Mr. Witt's throat affection is the result of use and a severe cold has added to the difficulty. He was at his office until yesterday afternoon when the doctor told him to go home and rest.

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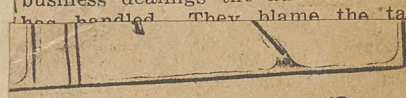
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Plans for a brief whirlwind campaign were discussed at conferences held yesterday by Norton with advisers who will be leaders in the organization behind his candidacy. When Norton starts his speaking campaign in earnest, it was said, he will be on the stump every night. Arrangements for these meetings are to be made by a speakers' committee which may be named today or Monday.

The most important committee in the Norton campaign will be that on organization. It will undertake to organize every ward for Norton, after which numerous house and hall meetings will be held.

Organization meetings are to be held next week beginning Monday. Other meetings will be arranged by the committee on speakers.

Sentiment strongly favoring the candidacy of Norton was expressed at a meeting of the Nineteenth Ward Republican Club at 2089 E. 100th st. last night. The club decided, however, to make no formal indorsement. Among the speakers were James W. Holcomb, F. J. VanWye and Congressman Emerson.

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—FINANCE DIRECTOR.

Cripple Not Only Cleveland but Cincinnati and Other Cities, Coughlin Says.

OCT 16 1915

Baker Lauds Witt as 'Constructive Executive,' as Car Head.

PLAIN DEALER

"What is wrong with Cleveland is a shortage of revenue. The trouble is not peculiar to Cleveland. It is state wide. It is not a question of expensive government, it is a question of revenues going down."

Thus Director of Finance Thomas Coughlin last night in the Democratic tent at E. 152d-st, opposite Utopia-av N. E., summed up the story of Cleveland's financial situation and answered the question of what caused the $1,500,000 deficit for which a bond issue is submitted to the voters.

The finance director spoke in place of Candidate Peter Witt. Mayor Newton D. Baker, continuing his campaign policy of telling each night the story of one branch of the city's work under his administration, discussed the health department and its bureaus, which he said had helped to make his management "one of steady advance to a safer and healthier city."

Both spoke earnestly for Street Railway Commissioner Witt. Councilman William Rolf presided, and Mayor Baker urged his re-election.

In opening, Mr. Coughlin said he would invite those who had gathered to hear Mr. Witt and were disappointed "to come to the city hall the night Peter is inaugurated and hear him make his first speech as mayor."

"Good!" cried one of the listeners, and there was quick applause. The crowd again overflowed the tent, despite the weather, and men and women remained even after announcement that the candidate could not appear.

Mr. Coughlin said the Baker administration received "an inheritance" of a $400,000 deficit from the Baehr administration. He spoke of the increase in the tax duplicate in 1910 from $276,000,000 to $714,000,000, and then explained how in the face of the increase the legislature cut the rate by enacting the Smith 1 per cent. tax law. So, he explained, although the duplicate was thus enormously raised, the city's rate was reduced to $3.60 per $1,000 instead of the $10.72 per $1,000, the amount available on the smaller duplicate.

He spoke of the increase of the pay of firemen and policemen voted under Herman Baehr, which added $100,000 to expenses, saying everyone favored it, but that the figures had to be taken into account in telling the financial story of the city. He told of smaller revenues received by the city each year following 1911, the fact that Cleveland had imposed no special licenses to help raise revenue, and said that although the Baker admistration faced increased activities, it had to act with decreased revenue.

"If the Baker administration is responsible in Cleveland, what administration is responsible in Cincinnati, Toledo, Dayton, Springfield, Akron, and other Ohio cities?" asked Mr. Coughlin. "They all have deficits," he declared, continuing that the remedy is in a renewal of the fight for taxation reform by the state legislature.

Mayor Baker said he admitted he had spent large amounts on the health department, but added he "wished he could spend more." It was well worth while, he asserted. He told of the bureaus of communicable diseases, tuberculosis, child hygiene, sanitation, food and dairy inspection, the bacteriological laboratory, the city chemist's office and the bureau of vital statistics. He said no agency in the city's control contributed more of "real comfort, real help in times of need and distress" than the visiting nurses and physicians.

He read the death rate of Cleveland, 12.98 to every 1,000 inhabitants, comparing it with other cities, all with rates ranging from fourteen to eighteen, and declaring no city in America has so low a death rate as Cleveland. Warm applause greeted the statement.

Mayor Baker then urged support for the Barber subway, Cleveland & Youngstown and Union station ordinances, and concluded with a word for Peter Witt.

"I want you to know and realize not merely the vigor of his personality, but I want you to hear him tell what he has accomplished," said the mayor.

"He has given you the best street railway system in America, and I know what I'm talking about!" There was a burst of loud applause.

"It is a remarkable, constructive achievement," continued the mayor. "I used to wonder, because of the impatience of the man in his fight for what he believed was right, in his zealous solicitude, whether he could have the patience of a constructive executive. He has been a constructive executive for four years. He has done a man's job. He didn't talk about it, but he worked hard. He has ingenuity, courage, character.

"I know the progress of the city can best be assured by election of Peter Witt as mayor."

It's to be Show Down, Cries Harry L. Davis

Prior to the formal opening of his campaign tonight, Harry L. Davis last night talked to the voters of two West Side clubs.

"The city's business is your business," he said to the members of the South End Republican club, Sackett-av S. W. and W. 31st-st. "You must take care of it and elect a man who will.

"But for the trickery of the Democratic party two years ago in withholding the liquor licenses before election, I would have been your mayor. This year the announcements of liquor licenses will be made before election. That I promise you.

"There is now to be a show-down. Let there be no misunderstanding. I am a Republican regardless of the fact that this is supposed to be a nonpartisan election.

"The Democratic party has been in power for the past fifteen years. It has not lived within the means of the city thirteen years of that time. The money has been wasted from year to year.

"There have been bonuses offered for the finishing of work long before they were expected to be completed. Think of $60,000 being paid for finishing a job before it was required. There have been contracts of over $100,000 awarded without competitive bidding. There have been contracts awarded to outsider bidders when the home bidders have been lower.

"I am for the contractor from Cleveland for a given work with all things equal. If he is a little higher, I am in favor of giving him the job. Why? Because the money comes back to you who pay for the work."

The minimum wage for city work was advocated. "It brings up the average of the wages of the other workers of the city," said Mr. Davis. "Vote for that amendment to the charter."

The two West Side meetings were held in the eighth and fifth wards. In Merrill hall, W. 25th-st and Carroll-av N. W., Mr. Davis spoke to the Eighth Ward Republican club. In the fifth ward, Dukat hall, Sackett-av and W. 31st-st, he spoke to the South End Republican club.

George W. Spooner preceded him at the meeting, talking with S. J. Kornhauser, H. G. Schaibly, H. C. Wood and W. J. Hart.

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LEADER

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Candidate Attacks Employment of "Useless" Men Whose Only Ability Is to Swing Votes.

Gross inefficiency in the operation of the street repair department was charged against the present city administration by Harry L. Davis, candidate for mayor in speeches at two meetings last night. He declared that in every repair gang sent out at least one man was useless.

"It is a common sight to see three or four men repairing a hole in the pavement with a third man sitting on a keg at the curb," he said.

"But this is only one department. Businesslike methods could be applied in any department to good advantage. I believe in hiring a man because he knows his business, not because he carries a precinct around in his pocket."

He again assailed the city administration for giving preference to outside contractors in awarding contracts for public work. He cited the awarding of the contract for West Side waterworks' pumping station boilers to Babcock & Wilcox, of New Jersey, instead of to the Connelly Boiler Company, of Cleveland.

Favors Local Firms.

"I believe in giving Cleveland firms and Cleveland labor the first consideration," he said. "What if it does cost a little more? The money is paid back into our pockets because the local firms employ local labor.

"Babcock & Wilcox have imported a lot of labor while Cleveland labor is walking the streets looking for work. It's almost impossible to get work with the present administration unless you are imported."

He again advised the voters to cast their ballots in favor of the minimum wage amendment to the city charter.

"This is a fight for the ordinary people of the city," he said. "A fight for the rent payer and the worker."

He spoke at meetings of the Fifth Ward South End Republican Club at Sackett ave. and W. 31st st. and the Eighth Ward Republican Club at Carroll ave. and W. 25th st.

Attorney George Spooner spoke for him at both meetings, urging his election because of his record in the Republican party.

Davis Club Formed.

A political club to be known as the Harry L. Davis Nonpartisan Club was organized last night at a meeting of residents of the fifteenth ward, in which Davis resides. The club elected A. W. Hickman, president; C. W. Shimmon, vice president; A. C. Binkley, secretary, and C. C. F. Lamp, treasurer.

Arrangements were made for an automobile parade of the members to the initial Davis tent meeting tonight at Forman ave. and Broadway. The parade will form at Miles ave. and Broadway. Last night's meeting was held at Hill's hall, 8060 Broadway.

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RECITAL

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At this point of his address Mr. Witt was interrupted by a man who attempted to heckle him. Persons in the audience sought to quiet the man.

"Let him alone," Mr. Witt advised, "he may be an enemy. If he is, we will take care of him."

Mr. Witt said the Germans of this city were the backbone and sinew of the army that fought for Tom Johnson. He declared that of the 2,400 names appearing on the stockholders' list of the old Forest City Railway Co., which he termed the liberator of Cleveland from the street car incubus, 1,800 were of men of German birth or extraction. He said Germans are always in the forefront among workers for progressive principles.

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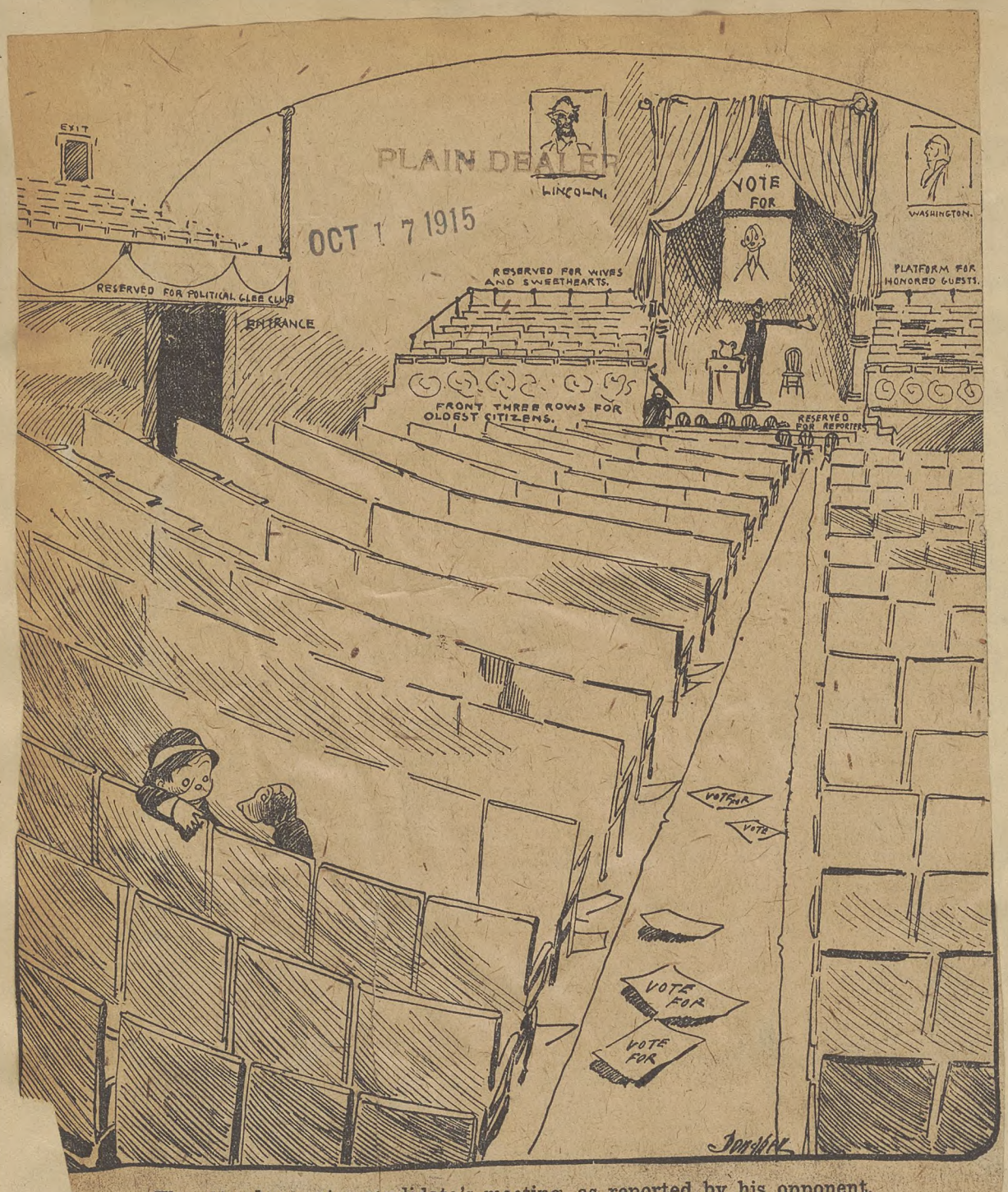
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Other addresses were made by Conrad Krueck, secretary, and Herman Fellinger, president of the German-American alliance, the latter confining his remarks to the prohibition problem. In connection, he read excerpts from European newspapers which proved beer drinking nations to rate higher in efficiency than others.



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Wants Position Understood.

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Refers to Yoke.

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Asserting he was a member of the Cuyahoga county delegation at the Columbus convention, Mr. Smith made this statement:

In reference to the so-called betrayal of Tom Johnson by Charles P. Salen, at the convention in Columbus, in 1904, I, as a member of that Cuyahoga delegation, desire to correct the statement made by Peter Witt.

At that convention Mr. Johnson absolutely refused to have his name considered as a delegate-at-large to Democratic national convention but proposed the name of Mr. Girard of Cincinnati, a single taxer, unknown in Democratic politics. The Cuyahoga delegation proposed the name of Charles P. Salen. Mr. Johnson immediately objected, whereupon a discussion arose. Mr. Johnson then called the Cuyahoga delegation to one corner of the convention hall and requested us not to propose the name of Salen, but to indorse Mr. Girard.

After his talk Mr. Johnson asked all those in favor of Mr. Salen to step to one side and those against him step to the other. The vote was about two to one in favor of Mr. Salen.

The name of Mr. Salen was proposed and he was elected one of the four delegates to the Democratic national convention.

Mr. Salen, himself, from the time the discussion arose until after his election, was not present in the convention hall.

I submit this as a true statement of what transpired at that convention.

PLAIN DEALER

MAYOR WILL EXPLAIN BARBER SUBWAY PLANS

Mayor Baker and William W. White will speak of benefits to come from the proposed Barber subway at the Cleveland real estate board's weekly meeting Wednesday noon.

Starting Tuesday night 150,000 pamphlets giving 25 reasons for approving the Barber subway will be distributed at the Witt meetings.

BAR WON'T BE PROBED UNTIL AFTER ELECTION

There'll be no investigation into charges that the Bar Association is violating the election law until after election, if at all, County Prosecutor Locher announced Monday.

Attorney Robert Granger, Society for Savings, charges that in its campaign for candidates for municipal judgeships, the Bar Association has distributed election cards indorsing candidates that were not signed as required by law. Attorney William L. David, in charge of the Bar Association's campaign, denies that any of the matter has been distributed. Granger, Monday, told Locher the objectionable cards were circulated last Thursday and Friday.

"If there is to be any investigation it will not be until after election," Locher said Monday. "I do not intend to allow my office and the grand jury to be used for publicity purposes by anybody."

A suit enjoining the Bar Association from continuing its campaign will be heard Wednesday by Judge Vickery. Until this action is decided the Bar Association has agreed not to continue its work in behalf of the candidates it has indorsed.

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Cleveland Heights village isn't having any municipal campaign to speak of, because there's no opposition to Mayor Frank Cain's re-election. But the villagers are making up for it in a red-hot school board fight. Frank E. Brown, 2581 Stratford rd., present board member, is running for re-election in the Shaker district, and on the same ticket is Dr. Robert E. Ruedy, 1188 Noble rd., nominated by residents of the east end of the village. The opposition has put up John P. Barden, 1481 Rydalmount rd., and James Herron, 2862 Fairmount blvd. Citizens supporting the Brown-Ruedy ticket charge that T. M. Norris, 14375 Superior rd., a member of the Democratic county committee, nominated Herron in Brown's district, hoping to defeat Brown because he did not support Professor Stephen Harbourt, now of Wooster, for the school superintendency, and seeks to put Barden on the board because he did make a fight for Harbourt, who was beaten for the superintendency last June by James W. McLane.

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All but one of the six mayoralty candidates, Richard Koeppel, Socialist Labor, will meet on the platform Friday night at the Young Men's Business Club, 2738 Prospect ave. At least 400 are expected to attend the meeting.

Witt, Salen, Norton, Davis and Ruthenberg will be given an equal allotment of time in which to reiterate his platform.

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Harry L. Davis charged Saturday that the Cleveland Railway Company has been using Witt to further its own interests. He said he was strongly in favor of the union station ordinance, the minimum wage schedule and the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad ordinance, but opposed to the Barber subway and the $1,500,00 deficiency bond issue, as well as the purchase of the Cleveland Railway Company's lines.

If he is elected there will be no one swinging a club over him, he said. Davis criticized the present administration for its method of economy, when he pointed out that 2,000 street cleaners had been laid off in order to save $5,000, and then the administration appropriated $12,000 for a municipal orchestra.

Councilman Fitzgerald, who spoke at Davis' meeting, pointed out that Witt had received $56,000 in fourteen years from the city.

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Peter Witt, speaking at the Democratic tent meeting, E. 105th st. and Colonial ave., Saturday night, explained he opposes city purchase of the street car lines because he has a definite municipal ownership policy to carry out when he becomes mayor. To purchase the railway company at this time would be impracticable, he said, because the city would have to pay 6 per cent interest on the mortgage bonds issued.

Witt engaged in a lengthy discussion of the European war and announced he was against war and for peace. He didn't want to fight, although his father was a soldier, Witt said.

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Miner G. Norton was completing the organization of his volunteer workers. The boosters will come from every precinct, he announced.

The speakers' committee of Norton's organization is to have a meeting Tuesday night in the Third ward. The committee will hold daily meetings until election, W. J. Van Wye, chairman, announced. No big Norton meetings will be held until after the debate between Norton and Witt in Grays' armory Wednesday night. A number of neighborhood meetings in homes were to be held Monday and Tuesday.

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In West Side meetings Saturday night Charles P. Salen denied the charge that he lacked religious belief. He also urged voters to oppose the emergency bond issue of $1,500,000 until after an audit of city books has been made to determine where money appropriated for municipal expenditures has gone.

The municipal light and heat plants were criticized by Salen, who said it would have been cheaper for the city to buy coal and present it to householders than to supply them with steam heat.

Announcement was made from Salen headquarters that no contribution of more than $300 would be accepted by the Salen Nonpartisan League.

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"Dry" campaign managers announced Monday they plan to close their fight this fall with a monster mass meeting in Grays' armory October 30, with former Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan as the headliner. Actual campaigning will begin Tuesday, when Daniel M. Smith, Chicago, makes an address at the Chamber of Commerce.

"Wets" will open their speechmaking in earnest at a mass meeting late Monday at West Side Turn hall. Herman Fellinger will be the chief speaker.

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Mayoralty candidates Monday were asked by the Industrial Association, an organization of employers, to state in writing what policies they planned to pursue if elected, with regard to the settlement of labor troubles, the prosecution of persons convicted of crimes in municipal court, the awarding of city contracts and the business-like management of city affairs.

The Industrial Association has 567 members, according to C. O. Bartlett, president. Answers received from the several candidates are to be made public.

All of the questions put to the candidates are of interest to manufacturers and employees, Bartlett said. The association will not do any campaigning for any of the candidates regardless of their answers, but merely will inform the association members of the candidates' attitude, according to Edward Hobday, secretary of the association.

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A registration of 114,000 and a probable vote of 95,000 were indicated Monday. The total male registration with the Friday and Saturday figures complete is 112,748 of which 43,805 registered on the last two regular days. It is probable 2,000 will take advantage of the special registration day, November 1, when booths will be open from 3:30 to 6:30 to record transfers and to register those entitled to vote but who through absence from the city or illness on all four regular days were unable to register. Special registration is through permission of the board of elections. Women also made a record for interest in school board politics. On the last two days 6,053 of them registered, making a total of 8,826.

In Lakewood where registration was required only of those who had moved into the city or moved from one precinct to other, 7,384 men and 673 women will be able to vote No-

BIG RAIL PROJECTS PUT UP TO VOTERS

Barber Subway and C. & Y. Terminal Proposals to be Passed on Nov. 2.

Expenditure of $30,000,000 Involved in Two Improvements.

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Two gigantic railway terminals are outlined in franchise ordinances to be submitted to the people for approval or rejection at the election Nov. 2.

The Cleveland, Akron & Canton Terminal Railway Co. is seeking the right to extend a railroad subway under E. 55th-st from Morgan run to the lake front in connection with the establishment of piers and warehouses and the opening of a 3,800 foot stretch of water front to railroads that now have no means of reaching the lake.

The Cleveland & Youngstown railroad proposes the establishment of a high level freight yard in the lower Broadway section, from E. 9th-st to E. 34th-st. The two projects will result in the expenditure of $30,000,000, according to the estimates of promoters.

The estimated cost of each improvement is $15,000,000. The Cleveland & Youngstown ordinance authorizes the company to establish a forty-seven-acre freight yard near the heart of the downtown district. It would be 4,000 feet long and 800 feet wide and would enable merchants of Cleveland to have goods delivered in freight houses and warehouses on the downtown level.

The E. 55th-st tube, known as the Barber subway because of the interest of O. C. Barber in the project, would be central feature of a development following lines of the famous Bush terminal at New York city.

Both ordinances met with opposition from anti-administration forces in city council prior to their passage, and a number of amendments were proposed. All of these were defeated. The Citizens Referendum league then circulated referendum petitions. Following the filing of the referendum petitions council authorized the placing of both propositions on the ballot at the coming election.

The ordinances were most strongly opposed by Councilmen Alex Bernstein and Harry C. Gahn. The former sought to have amendments to the Cleveland & Youngstown grant approved by council, which would give additional street openings across the yards the company is planning to lay out in the lower Broadway district.

It was argued by Councilman Bernstein that if a subway is not constructed across the middle of this district it would create a barrier near the heart of the city's business district. The company agreed to the construction of a subway at E. 30th-st and to the extension of a new street from Broadway to Orange-av, S. E., that would make E. 30th-st continuous from St. Clair-av. N. E., to the new Broadway yards. The company further agreed to an amendment which requires an opening at E. 23rd-st whenever conditions are such that this approach becomes a necessity.

Following is Attorney John L. Cannon's explanation of the Cleveland & Youngstown terminal project:

"The Cleveland & Youngstown Railroad Co. ordinance which will be submitted to the voters at the coming election is intended to permit the establishment of a high level freight terminal in connection with the rapid transit line. To do this it is necessary for the city to authorize the crossing of certain streets and to vacate certain other streets or parts of streets.

"All street crossings must be above or below grade. And the ordinance provides for widening of certain streets, construction of new streets, paving of streets widened or constructed—all at the expense of the C. & Y. It also opens the tracks of the C. & Y. to all steam, interurban and city lines that can connect with them.

"The need for a high level freight terminal is shown by the fact that most of the existing freight stations are located near the lake level. Merchandise coming into Cleveland is teamed up hill over grades ranging from seven to ten feet in a hundred. And besides this handicap, Cleveland's freight houses are inadequate. Cleveland's freight business is growing nearly twice as fast as its population.

"The Cleveland & Youngstown freight terminal will be located scarcely 1,500 yards from Euclid-av and E. 9th-st, and almost at the same level. It will eliminate the present uphill hauls, making an estimated saving, to the people of Cleveland, of 20 cents a ton on not less than 1,800,000 tons of merchandise—$360,000 annually. It is also intended to erect warehouses which will handle freight at an estimated saving to the public of $250,000 to $300,000 annually.

"The new freight terminal will double the city's present facilities, and enable Cleveland to compete with other cities to which it is now losing freight business. It will be the largest inland freight terminal and wareheuse system in the United States.

"Under provisions of the pending ordinance it will be possible for several street car lines not provided for by the existing ordinance to get the benefits of rapid transit. Buckeye-rd cars can save twenty minutes to the square; Kinsman cars, thirteen minutes; Union, Broadway and Miles cars, ten minutes.

"To vacate the streets mentioned in the ordinance will entail almost no inconvenience to the public. They include stub ends of but seven streets over forty feet wide; five streets that have never existed except on paper; and various alleys—all within the confines of the freight yards. The C. & Y. owns or will be required to acquire all land abutting on the streets to be vacated.

"The C. & Y. has already paid more than $1,000,000 to wage earners. Its plans call for the expenditure of $15,000,000 more, of which not less than $6,000,000 will be paid for wages. And its warehouse system will provide permanent work for 7,000 to 8,000 employes.

"The project is conceded to be one of the most important ever conceived for the welfare of Cleveland. It can be assured without costing the city a dollar. All that is necessary is for the people of Cleveland to vote 'for the ordinance.' The ballot is the first one on the referendum ticket."

The Barber subway grant would give the Cleveland, Akron & Canton Terminal Railway Co. the right to use the subway in E. 55th-st for a term of eighty-five years, but after twenty-seven years the city would have the right to purchase the property. The tube becomes the property of the city free of cost at the end of the franchise period.

The work is to be done by tunneling, and the top of the subway is required by the ordinance to be twenty-two feet below the street level. This will permit the construction of a passenger tube in E. 55th-st if desired.

The company has agreed to allow the city a right of way for street and costal railroad purposes across its lake front property, but Councilman Gahn sought to amend this section of the ordinance by requiring the dedication of the 150-foot strip described in the grant. Opponents of the measure also sought to have an amendment inserted requiring the company to file a bond as guarantee that it would start work within a certain period.

It was also argued that the improvement would divert too much of the lake front property lying within the breakwater from future city uses. The company contends that it cannot extend the improvement beyond the 3,800-foot limit, because the tract is located between Gordon park and the large stretch of city property west of E. 53d-st.

Promoters of the enterprise claim that development of this property will bring new business to the city, as railroads approaching Cleveland from the south will have the means of hauling freight to lake front piers. Warehouses to be located along the route of the subway would have direct connections with the terminal by means of elevators. Basements would be at the tube level. It is claimed that this would do away with heavy trucking that now damages pavements of the city. It is further claimed that the new terminal would give direct freight service to Akron Canton and the undeveloped upper Cuyahoga valley.

Would It Be Like This if a Sport Were Mayor?



SALEN CARTOON BRINGS PROTEST

Candidate Tells His Position on Gambling.

A cartoon which appeared in Monday's Press, picturing Charley Salen as a "sport," proved to be distasteful to Miss Matilda Salen, sister of the candidate; Rev. C. C. Morehart of the Church of the Redeemer; Mrs. Anna Herbruck, 10002 Cedar-av; and Mrs. W. H. Evers, 1187 W. Clifton-blvd.

The four called at The Press office Tuesday to protest against the cartoon on the ground that it misrepresented Salen's views on sport. Salen, at a recent meeting, said:

"I am a sport."

"Mr. Salen, by his statement, did not mean he is the kind of a sport who favors all kinds of vice, as the cartoon represented him," said Rev. Morehart. "He meant he is the kind of man who favors innocent sports."

Salen on Cartoon.

Charley Salen also took exception to the cartoon.

"I am opposed to gambling," said Salen in a Monday night speech. "The cartoon only shows that the campaign of my opponent is becoming so desperate that he has to resort to lies and calumny. Not wanting to continue mudslinging himself, obeying instructions of his advisers, his official organ, The Press, has taken it up."

Salen said a downtown Monte Carlo is now being operated with the knowledge of police.

Salen's tent campaign will begin next Tuesday at 13807 St. Clair-av.

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CAMPAIGN SIDELIGHTS

This is a day of campaigning de luxe, and the fact is being demonstrated daily in the mayoralty campaign.

Time was when more than one meeting a night for a candidate was a hardship when even horse drawn vehicles were not equal to the occasion. Crowds would gather and wait, leaning out the windows of the hall—tents hadn't become campaign accessories then—to look for the carriage bearing the candidate to the meeting.

Now the candidates make six and eight meetings a night when they wish, hurried from one to another by automobile. Often the candidate has his own machine. Party organizations hire cars for their speakers. The automobile has become a very necessary factor in campaigning, and at the same time quite an item of campaign expense.

The Democratic organization spent approximately $350 for automobile hire for speakers in the county campaign last fall. Its bills are mounting this year.

The other camps also do not stop to ponder about means of conveyance for taking speakers to meetings.

"Send for a machine." That settles it quickly and satisfactorily. If a friend isn't at hand with a car, hire one. But get a machine.

Attend a Peter Witt, Harry L. Davis, Miner G. Norton or Charles P. Salen meeting any night. The candidate arrives in an automobile, and if he has more than one engagement he starts away with a sputter and "honk honk" for the next.

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College fraternity houses are having a part in politics in Ward 19.

The Nineteenth Ward Republican club has held meetings in three fraternity homes since the campaign opened. One night it met in the Delta Kappa Epsilon house. Another night college Republicans enrolled in Delta Tau Delta were hosts. A third evening the house of Delta Upsilon was opened to the club.

What's more, they were well attended meetings in which there were as many gray haired men as youths, and the talk was real politics.

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The Socialist News, party publication in the hands of subscribers yesterday, has considerable to say about the mayoralty situation. The first page is devoted to a statement regarding "the man in overalls."

"'The man in overalls' came in for his share of promises from Messrs. Witt and Davis during the past week," says the opening sentence. "Both pledged themselves in vague and general terms to be the strongest champion the workers ever had in the office of mayor if elected to that office."

The statement concludes with the claim that "the Socialist party is the workers' organization" for the purpose of taking possession of the city government and using it for the benefit of the worker.

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State Representative John H. Brown, who is a candidate for mayor of Lakewood, will speak at a meeting at the home of L. A. Hildie, 1650 Northland-av, this evening. Tomorrow evening he will speak at a meeting at A. E. Thompson's near Highland-av.

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At a meeting of Italian voters in Mayfield Park theater, Mayfield-rd S. E., yesterday afternoon, Nepola Sangiolo and other Italian speakers indorsed William Stolte as candidate for council from the nineteenth ward.

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Socialist precinct workers yesterday began general distribution of a pamphlet setting forth the argument of Cleveland Socialists for their initiated ordinance proposal for immediate municipal ownership of the Cleveland Railway Co.'s property. The Socialist executive committee reported 75,000 pamphlets were placed in the hands of voters. The circular is headed "Vote for Municipal Ownership Now and Keep the Car Fare Down."

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Ragtime music, sandwiches and cigars will be political sidelights tonight at Councilman Jimmy McGinty's ninth ward rally at Acme hall, 2416 E. 9th-st, when a ten-piece band will play "He's a Devil" as Peter Witt enters the meeting.

Councilman Jimmy is all set for a real rally, such as the ninth ward long has known. And Jimmy could no more separate free sandwiches and cigars and ragtime from his politics than he could get used to being called "Mister." They're all part of his part in the game.

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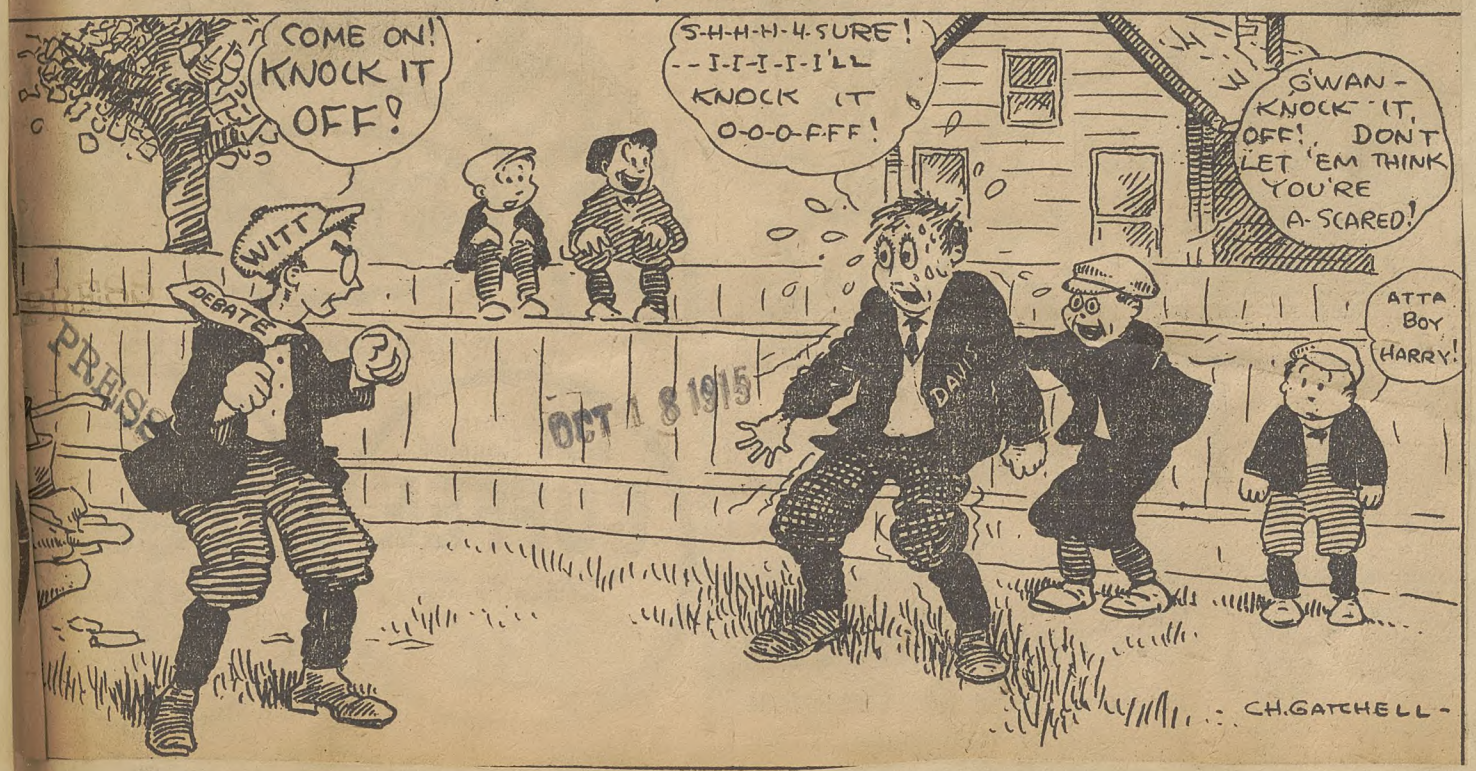
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Mr. Norton will take out a tent next week, according to plans laid yesterday. So all four of the leading candidates will be staging parts of their campaigns under canvas. Peter Witt was first in the field with the old Democratic tent. Harry L. Davis followed with his big top. Mr. Norton's tent will be on the scene next week, and Charles P. Salen has talk of having a tent.

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Turn out, for a moment, from municipal politics.

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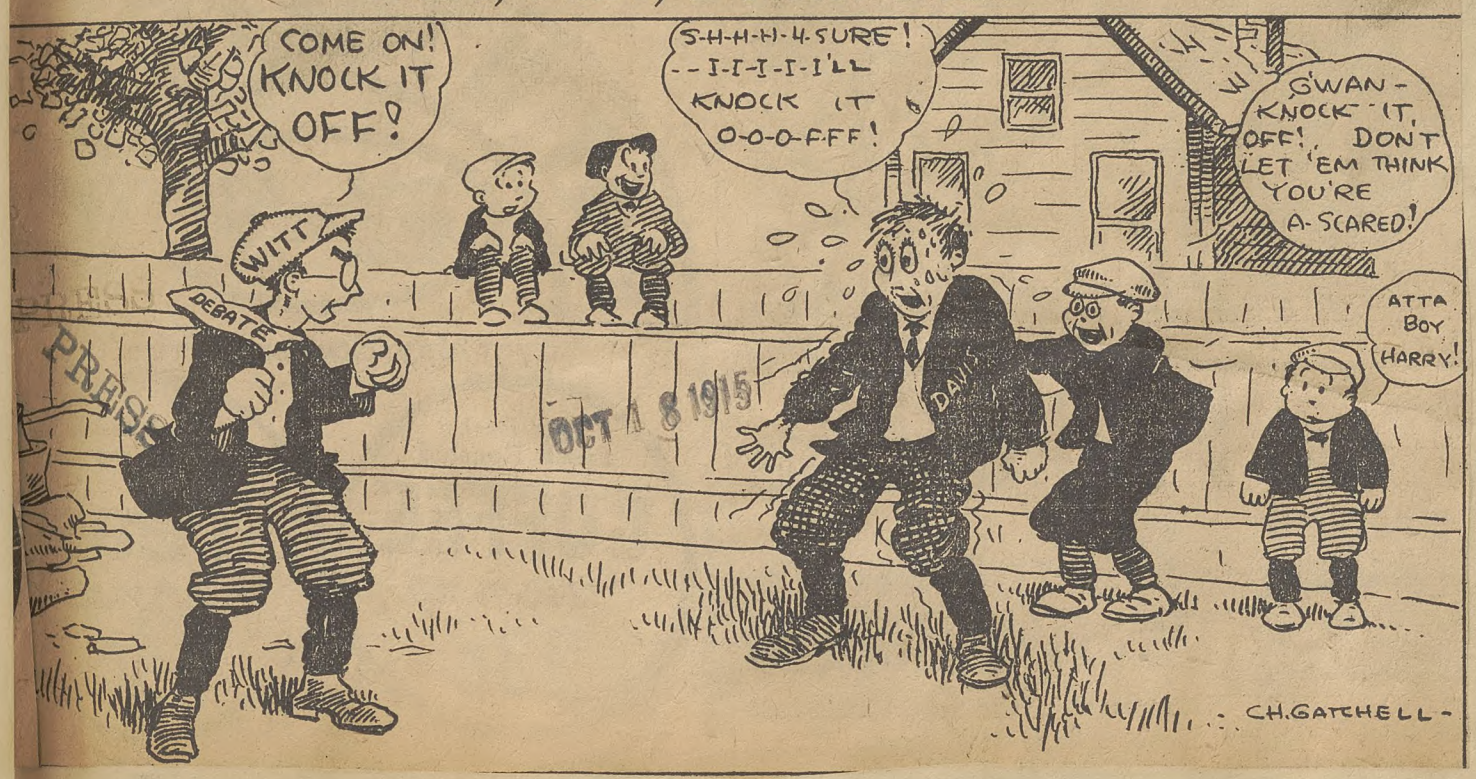
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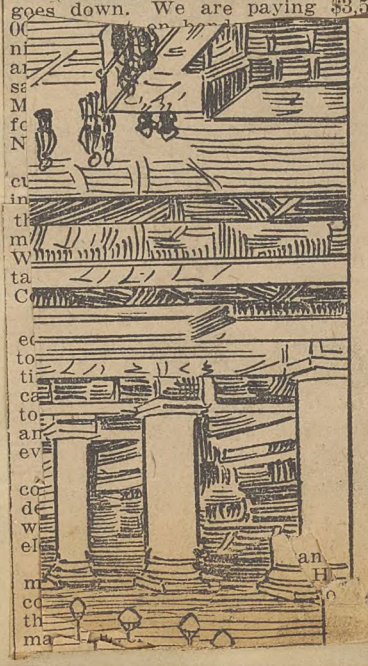
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"Mr. Witt said he would have to cut our police and fire departments in half next year. That's a peculiar thing for a man to say about the administration in power now. Mr. Witt says it's because of the Smith tax law, and now he wants to go to Columbus and change it.

"It used to be when we appropriated money for a department, we had to spend it in that department at the time it was appropriated. Now they can use money from any department to help out any other department and the result is they have robbed every fund.

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In a little store room at W. 105th-st and Madison-av N. W., Mr. Norton produced a copy of a city ordinance before a meeting of first ward voters.

"Here is an ordinance which says the street car company shall put on 450 pay-as-you-enter cars in five months and must make all cars pay-as-you-enter in eighteen months, except 100 small open cars they could use," said Mr. Norton. "Mr. Witt has made much of the fact that more cars have been put on the streets since he has been commissioner. As I see it, the street car company merely did what it had to do by city ordinance."

DAVIS PICKS SECONDS FOR DUEL WITH WITT

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Davis wrote R. J. Bulkley, chairman of the democratic executive committee, asking him to "arrange things" with Sanders and Fitzgerald.

"I don't think there's much need for haste about this business," said Davis Monday. "As long as Pete and I get together sometime that's all that's necessary."

Davis fixed no time or place for the debate. He also left the choice of "weapons" to his seconds.

Sanders is chairman of Davis' organization committee and Fitzgerald is a committee member, whom Witt calls "Gen. Fitzgerald of the council minority army."

"Let Me at Him"—Witt.

"Let me at him!" was Witt's attitude Monday on the debate. Davis Saturday night announced he was ready to meet Witt any time or place.

Bulkley then sent Davis a special delivery letter, fixing Monday night in the democratic tent at Broadway and Gallup-av as the time and place for the duel.

"I couldn't debate Monday night because of previous engagements," said Davis. "There's lots of time before election."

"I'm ready to meet Harry any time," said Witt. "The sooner the better."

Bulkley said Davis had waited two weeks, since Witt first challenged his opponents to debate, before replying.

"We won't disappoint him," said Bulkley.

Witt to Debate Norton.

Witt and Miner Norton are to clash Wednesday night at Grays armory for the finish of their joint debate.

A Witt labor mass meeting is to be held at the Hippodrome next Sunday, it was decided Sunday at a meeting of the Peter Witt labor club.

Tom Fitzsimons was named to preside at the Hippodrome meeting. State Senator James Kennedy was picked as committee chairman.

Witt was indorsed for mayor Sunday at a meeting of the German-American alliance at Turn hall, and promised the 1500 members present he would, as mayor, end "interference" with organizations of the same sort on liquor license.

Witt hit the license law, and said he is for unhindered liquor traffic.

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Says Davis Not Informed.

J. J. Breitinger, Barber subway director, asserted Monday that Harry L. Davis' opposition to the subway franchise "is based on ignorance."

Davis announced at the opening of his mayoralty tent meetings Saturday night that he would oppose the Barber franchise because he feared O. C. Barber might use the grant as a speculation.

"If Davis took the trouble to inquire he would learn that we have spent $18,000 for engineering work," said Breitinger.

"The contract for building the tubes already has been let. We didn't want to give a bond because it would have meant a holdup in many cases on acquiring necessary real estate."

More "Sports" With Salen.

John Kelley, opponent of Jimmy McGinty for election to council from the ninth ward, has announced he is for "a segregated district under municipal supervision" and favors "sports of all kinds."

"Sport" Salen, at a meeting held Sunday night in Malaska's hall, Central-av and Ontario-st, indorsed Kelley's candidacy.

At this meeting William J. Whitehead, a Salen lieutenant, also followed the example of his chief, and announced he was a "sport." Salen made his own "sport" announcement last Thursday night.

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LEADER

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Witt followed in the footsteps of the other Democratic candidate, Charles P. Salen, yesterday, coming out unqualifiedly for liberal interpretation of the liquor laws. In a speech before the German-American Alliance at West Side Turn hall, Lorain ave., he promised that if elected mayor he would not interfere in any way with social clubs' activities. Incidentally, he said he hoped the Germans would win the European war.

Engagements Delay Debate.

Engagements that it would be impossible to break was the reason Davis gave for his refusal to debate tonight. He declared he had two speaking engagements and an important meeting of his precinct workers and committee at his headquarters in the Schofield building for tonight. As chairman of his own campaign committee he pointed out that he could not very well be absent.

Davis expressed the belief that the hurried manner in which the Witt forces anticipated his written challenge by rushing to him a formal defi for an immediate debate under Democratic auspices showed an intention to gain an advantage. He said he wanted some privilege for himself in the arrangements and conditions under which the debate would take place.

Opponents Name Time.

"From Witt's letter, signed by former Congressman Bulkley, chairman of the Democratic committee, I take it that Witt is challenging me," said Davis. "So I believe under those conditions I ought to have some say in the arrangements. Instead the Democrats name the place and the time."

Upon receipt of Bulkley's letter yesterday Davis stated he was undecided as to whether he would forward a written challenge to Witt. He said he did not consider the form of challenge so important as long as both Witt and himself agreed to debate.

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License Law Attacked.

"I never believed in the license law. I believe saloons ought to be run like groceries. I say all the trouble in the liquor business came through making the state a partner. The evil began with the state sharing the profits.

"It was never dreamed of that at any time there should be any interference with social organizations. So, in order that the drys may know where I stand, there is to be no interference with bodies of this kind after I am elected.

"Peter Witt is the only candidate who believes in the principles of the German-American Alliance. If I am elected no club member will have cause to regret he supported me."

He declared he hoped the war would end in a draw but if it could not end that way, he shouted he "hoped Germany would be victorious."

In a speech to the Peter Witt Labor Club at the American House in the afternoon, Witt urged workingmen to use their political power to gain the ends they sought and declared himself to be "for the man in overalls."

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Salen for Good Roads.

Salen outlined his stand on the labor question and maintenance of city streets at a meeting of the teamsters' union at 310 Prospect ave. He declared that if elected he would give special attention to the matter of better pavements.

"The people are paying a terrific indirect tax because of our poorly maintained streets," said Salen. "If elected I'll cut out some of the frills and follies of the present administration and see that the way of you men in life is made smoother."

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Says Citizens Shouldn't Pay 4 Per Cent. Resulting From Big Bond Issue.

Invites Everyone to Attend His Debate With Witt Saturday.

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According to Candidate Harry L. Davis, it will be "as simple as the nose on your face" to clean up the city's indebtedness which the proposed $1,500,000 bond issue is supposed to wipe out.

In speaking at a meeting of the Eighth Ward Harry L. Davis club at 5208 Detroit-av N. W. last night. Mr. Davis asked his hearers to vote against the proposed issue, saying the taxpayers should not pay from 4 to 4 1-2 per cent. on this issue when money could be saved by issuing short time notes at 3 per cent.

Mr. Davis suggested borrowing the money from the federal reserve bank here and paying it back every six months, claiming such short notes would keep the officials' noses to the grindstone.

In opening Mr. Davis said:

"I speak to you tonight not as Democrats and not as Republicans, but as men interested in civic affairs."

He charged that Mayor Newton D. Baker four years ago and two years ago promised connecting service by the two telephone companies and that Candidate Peter Witt is promising it in this campaign.

"Are you ever going to call the bluff?" he asked. "Are you not going to say: 'You've had plenty of time and don't bull us any longer?'"

In opposing the Barber subway grant Mr. Davis again demanded that the company furnish a bond for starting its work. He said that when subways for the approach to the new high level bridge were proposed the company to which a franchise had been granted said the city would have to buy the right for these subways.

"Are you going to do this all over again?" he asked.

He referred to O. C. Barber as the man who owns most of Barberton, O.; who has a $100,000 fence around his farm and owns a $200,000 barn in which he gives his cows a shower bath every day; a man who is the millionaire match king and who nearly has more money than the city of Cleveland.

Mr. Davis did not dwell long on the issues of the campaign but invited his audience to attend his debate with Mr. Witt next Saturday night, saying, "You probably will get a better idea of the issues after you hear us both."

Before Mr. Davis reached the meeting it became a free-for-all speech making event. It opened with an address against the prohibition amendment.

Other speakers were Attorneys A. R. Manning and Thomas E. Greene, candidates for the four-year term on the municipal bench; Charles Schovanek, candidate for the board of education; Judge Samuel E. Kramer, candidate for re-election to the municipal bench; H. G. Schaibly, Republican candidate for state senator last fall; Attorney Pierre White and W. J. Hart, candidate for council from the third ward.

Mr. Schaibly said Mr. Davis was the Republican candidate for mayor two years ago and is the Republican candidate now.

Attorney Hart said that if he is elected to the city council he will introduce an ordinance fixing $3 as a minimum wage.

AVIS TURNS DOWN WITT DEBATE PLAN

Candidate Refuses to Meet Commissioner at Gallup-av and Broadway.

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Wants More Central Location and Says He'll Call Up Opposition Today.

PLAIN DEALER

Harry L. Davis will not debate Peter Witt tonight.

Following Mr. Davis' challenge of Saturday evening, R. J. Bulkley, Democratic executive committee chairman, in behalf of Mr. Witt, sent Mr. Davis a letter saying Mr. Witt had supposed Mr. Davis understood the street railway commissioner's original challenge to his opponents, but in view of Mr. Davis' tent meeting statements that he would meet Mr. Witt any time and place, the administration candidate would agree to debate Mr. Davis tonight in the Democratic tent at Broadway and Gallup-av S. E.

Mr. Davis received the letter yesterday and said he would not accept the suggestion.

"I said I would write a letter of challenge Monday," said Mr. Davis.

"I received a letter today from Mr. Bulkley suggesting that we debate Monday evening at Broadway and Gallup-av. It seems to me I ought to have something to say in the arrangement. I do not think Broadway and Gallup-av is the place for the debate. I want it held in a central location so everyone who wants to may come.

"I'll call them up tomorrow morning, and suggest that they consider arrangements with someone representing me."

Mr. Davis said he had no definite time or place in mind.

Candidate Witt said yesterday his original challenge, made weeks ago, was to all the candidates, and that Mr. Davis said he would not debate.

"It's unfortunate he didn't understand it," said the commissioner. "However, if there wasn't a clear understanding then let's start all over again. Let him make his own rules and choose his own judges. I don't care, so long as he debates."

The week will open politically with the four leading candidates for mayor on the stump tonight. Mr. Witt will hold his tent meeting as planned. Mr. Davis has several meetings. Charles P. Salen has a meeting scheduled and Miner G. Norton has a meeting on Madison-av N. W.

Plans Ready for Witt Labor Meet

Plans were completed yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the Peter Witt Labor club for the labor mass meeting to be held for Candidate Witt next Sunday afternoon in the Hippodrome.

Tom Fitzsimons will preside, it was announced yesterday.

An executive committee to have charge of the meeting was appointed with this membership: James F. Malley, custodian of the Cleveland Federation of Labor, of the steamfitters' union; P. J. Patton, plumbers' union; Tom Horrahan, switchmen's union; Fred L. Baumgartner, molders' union; F. J. Vancourt, sheet metal workers' union; William Nurden, carpenters' union; Thomas Graus, ironworkers' union; J. P. McMeeney, ironworkers' union; Thomas Donnelly, patternmakers' union; William Earl, street car men's union; Joseph Sullivan, bartenders' union; William Currie, lake seamen's union.

State Senator James S. Kennedy of the Plumbers' union will be committee chairman.

Mr. Witt spoke at the club's meeting yesterday, held in the assembly room of the American house.

The candidates said the Industrial association, an organization of employers, had sent a letter to each of the mayoralty candidates, asking the stand of each on labor questions. In addition, a committee from the organization called on him, the street railway commissioner said. He asserted he told the committee his position on labor, and that then the secretary of the association wrote him asking him to give a written statement of his views.

"I'll do better than that," said Mr. Witt. "I'll tell them publicly at the Hippodrome next Sunday."

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Political Co-eds Throng Campaign Tents Here

Accompany Friend Husbands; Don't Discuss Candidates' Eyes or Brows



OCT 1 8 1915

BY LORA KELLY.

It's just as well that the world's series and fur trimmed boots have stepped to the rear.

The effulgent rays of the limelight are now beaming upon the mayoralty candidates, all of whom are efficient effulgers themselves when it comes to a tent meeting.

This Polly-of-the-circus style of campaigning is 99 per cent. pure Clevelandese.

Ever since Tom L. Johnson staged his first appeal under the "big top" no Sixth City campaign has been complete without a liberal spread of canvas.

Having no vote and presumably no interest in any phase of city government except in school affairs and the dog pound, a woman may nevertheless spend an entertaining evening at one of these tent meetings.

The prinicipal ingredients of this great American institution aside from the outburst of superlatives in the way of language, are a six-cylinder voice that doesn't miss the spark, a perfervid set of gestures, a portly gentleman to do the "we-have-with-us-tonight" honors and an array of elocution on the platform with a pitcher of water on the side.

The attitude of the audience is the only uncertain thing about the performance. It may be of the hair-trigger variety, liable to go off at any minute, and woe be to the orator who cannot snipe a heckler whenever he pops up his head. Or it may be gently sympathetic.

In any event, it's a spectacle worth seeing.

Down through the ages has come the tradition that woman has neither a sense of humor nor a glimmer of intelligence concerning public affairs. Even accepting this time honored absurdity, one may at times venture with profit beyond the "four walls" that the landlord refuses to paper this fall.

And what's more, Cleveland women are actually "listening" in large numbers. I dare say that back in the middle ages a woman at a political meeting was an anomaly. If she went she was expected to conduct herself with sweet simplicity, not to say imbecility. She was permitted to make a few pretty comments anent the "firm chin of such and such a candidate," or mayhap rave over the "expressive brown eyes" of another.

The particular meeting I attended on the West Side disclosed that just as many women are interested in the mayoralty campaign as men. One couldn't distinguish that tent audience from one assembled to hear the Swiss bell ringers or to listen to Mr. Bryan.

And I didn't hear a single feminine comment on Peter Witt's classic brow or Mayor Baker's handsome brown eyes. On the contrary, every woman present appeared to be giving rapt attention to what the speakers had to say. The women seemed to laugh in the right places as much as friend husbands beside them.

For some curious reason the political "co-eds" appeared to enjoy the speeches. What were the abstruse subjects upon which the male electorate was enlightened?

Electric light and street car service!

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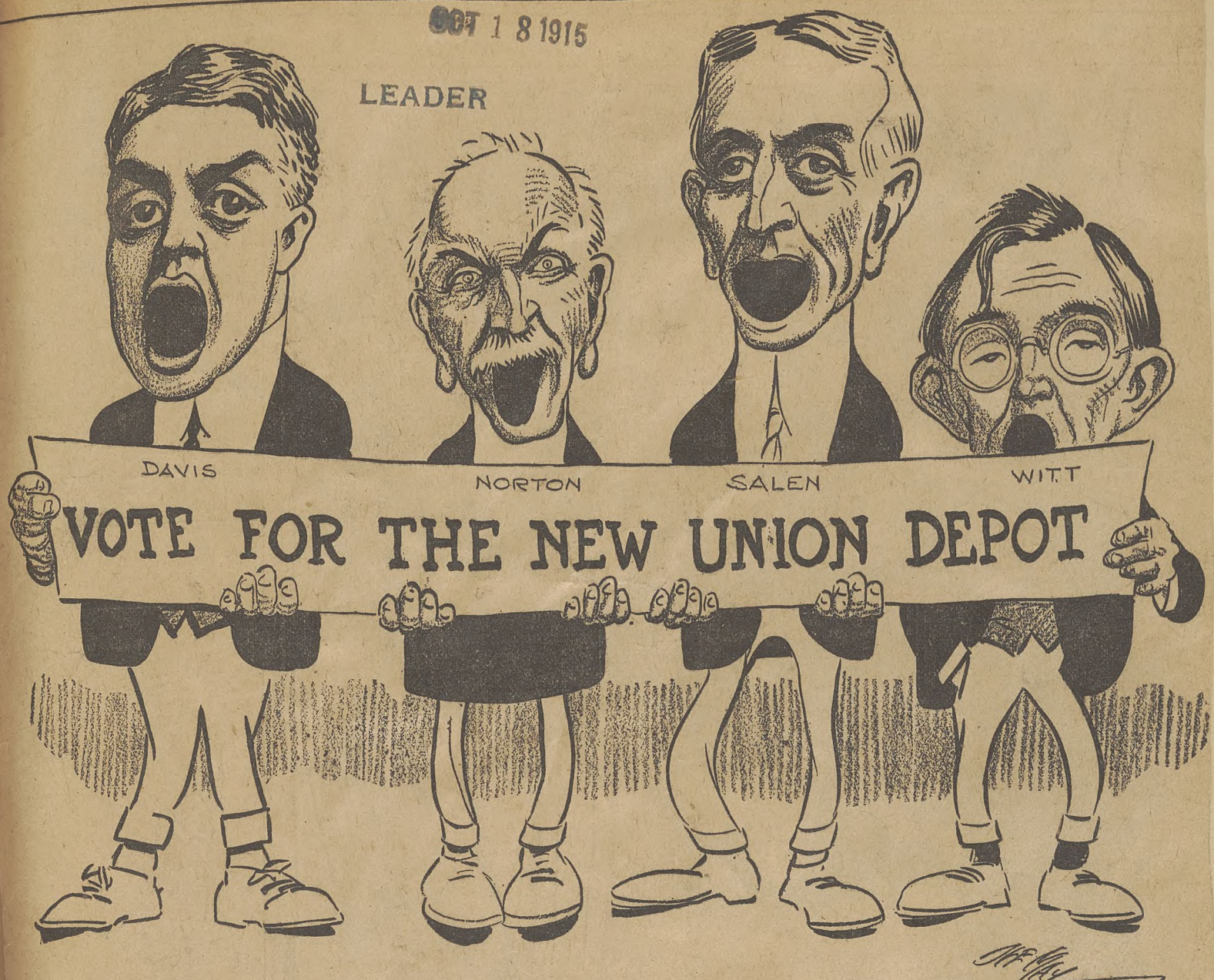
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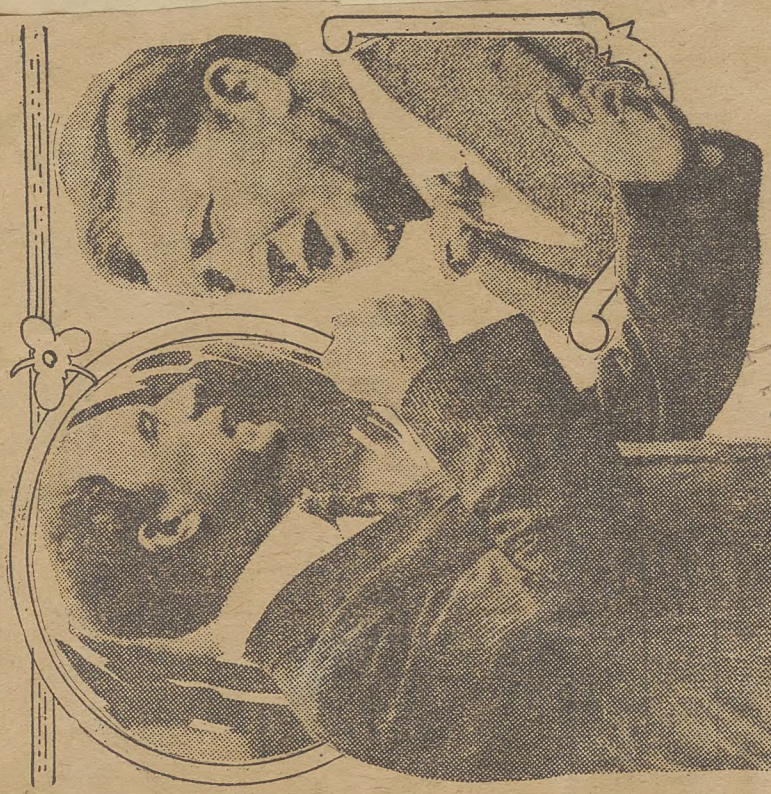
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LET'S ALL JOIN THE CHORUS

OCT 18 1915



HEAR SOCIALIST PLEAD FOR STREET RAILWAY PURCHASE



PLAIN DEALER

FRANK GRUNO

C. E. Ruthenberg, Socialist candidate for mayor, held an audience of 200 more than an hour yesterday noon when he spoke on the street railway purchase and the bond issue referendum.

He presented figures he said showed a deficit of $1,000,000 in operation and maintenance of the street car system in the five years' operation of the Tayler franchise.

"The Tayler franchise is perpetual," he declared. "There is a provision in it which says the Cleveland Railway Co. can increase the fare to the maximum allowed, 4 cents cash and 1 cent for transfer, whenever the franchise is within fifteen years of expiration. In this way its constant renewal is provided for."

The audience was gathered around Mr. Ruthenberg on the west side of the square. Applause greeted his challenge to Peter Witt, Mayor Baker and others to refute figures he said showed the street car company spent $1,000,000 more in five years than the Tayler franchise allowed for maintenance and operation.

"The street car company is paying 6 per cent. on its bond issues and stockholders are getting 5 per cent.," Mr. Ruthenberg said. "We can dispose of the $34,000,000 bond issue proposed by Socialists at 5 per cent. and perhaps 4 1-2 per cent.

"Peter Witt opposes the immediate purchase of the street car lines because the Socialists initiated the movement and he cannot conveniently adopt it in his platform.

"Transportation of inhabitants of a city is a fundamental problem with the problems of furnishing water, light and food. The Tayler franchise by which the city controls the amount of money the street car company spends for operation and maintenance has failed miserably.

"The street car commissioner has not supported the cause of the street car employe. Ask any motorman or conductor if Mr. Witt has abolished inhuman conditions by which they work fourteen and sixteen hours a day to earn four and six-hour pay. They will say Mr. Witt has been their biggest stumbling block in their fight for better conditions."

Four Candidates and One Job



MOST of the time Harry Davis is "for a thing, but—" or he's "against a thing, altho—." Well meaning, personally honest, but in most matters flabby, indefinite, without punch. Only on one vital issue does Harry come out flatly. That issue is municipal ownership. Harry's against it, without any "buts" or "althos."

And Cleveland has a municipal plant that is selling 3-cent light. Cleveland believes in municipal ownership, for Cleveland voted $2,000,000 in bonds for the construction of the muny power house. Would it be good business to put that enterprise into the hands of a man who doesn't believe in municipal ownership to begin with?

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Charley Salen, another candidate, calls himself a "sport." Charley's civic vision consists mainly of making prize-fighting easy. Obviously Charley won't do.

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There is nothing against the character of Miner G. Norton. His plea is: "Let us go back to the olden days." The man who becomes mayor of Cleveland should be a man who looks forward, not backward.

Norton is out of step with the times. His thoughts are of yesterday and not of tomorrow.

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Peter Witt is the only mayoralty candidate who has a constructive platform.

Witt has been on the firing line in Cleveland for 30 years. He has proved his brains, his honesty, his energy. During the last three years Witt has been street railway commissioner. Under his guidance, 3-cent fare has been made to succeed. His administration as tractioner has not been one of "political expediency." He has hewed to the line, and he's been master of his job.

Witt is a stanch believer in municipal ownership. His support of 3-cent light will not be half-hearted. We believe that he will make 3-cent light as successful as he has made 3-cent fare.

Witt stands for progress, for municipal efficiency. He is worthy of support.

Here are some planks from Witt's platform:

Rewrite the building code so as to encourage and not hamper building construction in Cleveland.

Repave the principal thorofares.

Push the union depot project.

Rid Cleveland of the two-telephone nuisance and improve telephone service.

Force the illuminating company to lower its light rates; if it refuses, extend muny lights over all of Cleveland.

Work for the reformation of tax laws and add $1,400,000 yearly to Cleveland's income.

WITT WILL DEBATE DAVIS ON SATURDAY

Commissioner Allows Opponent to Name Time, Place and Meeting Chairman.

He Also is to Face Norton for Second Time Tomorrow Evening.

PLAIN DEALER

Peter Witt will debate Harry L. Davis Saturday night.

A proposal of the time and suggestions for the place and conditions of the debate were sent yesterday to R. J. Bulkley, chairman of the Democratic county executive committee, by W. S. FitzGerald, representing Candidate Davis.

Mr. Bulkley immediately sent a reply accepting all the proposals offered by the Davis side and leaving to Mr. Davis the selection of a place.

Therefore, the debate will be staged under canvas at Cedar-av S. E. and E. 55th-st, if the site can be obtained, that location being the choice of the Davis camp, Mr. FitzGerald stated after being apprised of Mr. Bulkley's acceptance of the Davis proposals.

Judge Fielder Sanders of municipal court, chairman of the Davis organization committee, will preside. He was suggested as chairman in Mr. FitzGerald's letter.

The Davis side thus is considered to have the clear advantage in arrangements. Cedar-av and E. 55th-st has been the location for years for opening meetings of Republican campaigns.

This was the letter sent Mr. Bulkley by Councilman FitzGerald:

"Relative to proposed debate between Mr. Witt and Mr. Davis, I respectfully suggest, on behalf of Mr. Davis, the following terms:

"1. Debate to be held Saturday evening, Oct 23, in some central location, preferably at the corner of Cedar-av and E. 55th-st, or in one of the public parks; expenses of the meeting to be equally divided.

"2. Mr. Witt to open debate with thirty-minute talk. Mr. Davis to follow with the same time allowance. Mr. Witt to have fifteen-minute rebuttal. Mr. Davis to close debate with fifteen minutes in rebuttal.

"3. Chairman of meeting to be Judge Fielder Sanders; with two timekeepers, one to be selected by Mr. Witt and the other by Mr. Davis."

Here was Mr. Bulkley's reply:

"Your proposal concerning the details of the debate between Mr. Davis and Mr. Witt is accepted.

"I note that you have specified about every detail except the location, and we shall be glad to leave the decision of this point to you, along with all the other conditions."

Mr. Witt thus is to face two of his opponents in debate this week. The continuation of the Witt debate with Miner G. Norton is to be held tomorrow evening in the Grays armory.

SUCH A HEADACHE!



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NORTON PUTS FARE INCREASE ON WITT

OCT 20 1915

Says Peter's Extravagances Caused Transfer Charge; Opens Whirlwind Campaign 8 Places.

LEADER

Peter Witt's extravagance in administering the office of street railway commissioner is to blame for the increase in car fare, Miner G. Norton charged in speeches at ward meetings last night. Norton opened his promised "whirlwind campaign," speaking at eight different meetings on both the East and West sides.

His principal meeting was at Central armory, where he addressed four companies of the Fifth regiment, confining his remarks to patriotic utterances only. He was introduced by Major A. S. Houts as a "friend of the military" and one who would support the military movement. Major Houts referred to Witt's numerous attacks on military organizations.

Norton declared Witt's proposed taxation reforms would throw more of a burden upon the small home owner and said the Democratic candidate's complaint against the county receiving so much of the city taxpayers' money was without foundation.

In attacking Witt's administration of the traction commissioner's office, Norton said:

"Witt has permitted the company to become extravagant. They have built new and palatial car barns and made other expenditures to the tune of $8,000,000 in bond issues. It is the interest of these bonds that is to blame for the raise in car fare. The street railway company was once forced to pave sixteen feet of the roadway and maintain it, but now Witt proposes that they be relieved of this burden, which will be thus thrown on the taxpayers."

Norton declared that Witt's complaint against the county was unfounded and pointed out that the county had now under construction millions of dollars' worth of bridge and road improvements in the city. He branded the county-city amalgamation proposal as "absurd," asking if the city would be willing to give Solon, Berea and other villages, police and fire protection, should the plan be carried out.

The Third Ward Norton Club was organized last night at a meeting at 1433 W. 57th st. Oliver P. Unger was elected president, E. H. Peck, secretary, and E. P. Austin, treasurer. J. W. Holcomb, F. J. Van Wye and Norton spoke.

WETS WARNED OF DRYS' NIMROD LURE

OCT 20 1915

Liberals Are Told Hunting Season Was Extended to Entice Them From Campaign Work.

Wet sympathizers must beware the lure of the hunting season, Charles Wurmel warned 500 brewery workers in the Chamber of Industry yesterday.

And forthwith he unmasked what he declared was a clever ruse on the part of the drys extending the hunting season fifteen days, including election day, so that the wets would flock to the woods and forest so warped in pursuit of four-legged game that they would not have time to go to the polls and vote against prohibition.

"Resist the lure, men!" pleaded Wurmel, who was formerly state labor commissioner. "Don't go hunting, men! Stay at home and tell your neighbors to discard the beloved gun in favor of earnest campaign work."

A unique meeting was held on the Public Square last night when two women mounted speaking blocks and told 300 auditors why the prohibition amendment should be defeated. Miss Nida Pangle, business agent of the Toledo Waitresses' Union, and Miss Louisa Mittelstadt, vice president of the Woman's Trade Union Label League of Chicago, were the speakers.

The former declared women would suffer if Ohio went dry because so many men thrown out of employment would grasp at jobs now held by women. She said the poor man, not the capitalist, would feel the pinch. Miss Mittelstadt spoke similarly.

With the text that "prohibition has never prohibited," Clinton Wunder, of the National Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association, talked to a crowd in Acme hall last night.

The following meetings will be held today: Fourteenth Ward Citizens' Club, Karlin's hall, 3849 E. 57th st.; Fourteenth Ward Republican Club, Lorain ave. and W. 47th st.; Twenty-first Ward Home Rule Association, 1313 Addison rd.; Third Ward Home Rule Association, 7823 Madison ave., and Nineteenth Ward Home Rule Association, 12006 Eu-

VICTORY THOUGHT CERTAIN BY DRYS

OCT 20 1915

Leader Declares if Amendment Fails No Effort to Reopen Issue in 1916 Will Be Made.

Ohio will not vote on a prohibition amendment next year if the drys lose their fight November 2, according to Paul S. Knight, attorney and member of the dry campaign committee.

"We are not worrying about the future," Knight said yesterday. "We have great hopes of putting over the prohibition amendment this year. We are gaining strength rapidly and our workers report that we will get 25,000 more votes in Hamilton county this year than last.

"As for the submission of a prohibition amendment next year, if we should be defeated in this campaign, I feel sure that such a move would not be made. We do not care to have the prohibition question befuddled with the national issues of a Presidential election."

The prohibition campaign had reached a climax yesterday with two challenges hurled by the drys inviting the other side to verbal combat. The Public Square was named as the debating place in the drys' challange, which was issued by L. C. Lewis, secretary of the Workingmen's Protective and Publicity Association and the dry campaign committee.

Lewis, a member of the United Mine Workers and the ironworkers' union, wrote the Labor Home Rule League, 35 Blackstone building, that he would debate the prohibition question from the standpoint of the workingman at any time or place.

Lewis is present in the Public Square each day and has declared his intention of debating anyone who wishes to oppose him. This challenge was followed by another one from the dry campaign committee, announcing that E. J. Hall, dry speaker, would appear in the Public Square tomorrow noon, prepared to debate all comers.

The drys continued their shop meetings yesterday and reopened their street corner campaign. Half a dozen automobiles were pressed into service to carry the volunteer speakers from corner to corner.

$1,000 IF SALEN PROVES "MONTE CARLO" CHARGE

NEWS

OCT 9 1915

Safety Director Benesch made his bid Tuesday for membership in the $1,000 forfeit club when he declared he will give that sum to any Cleveland charity if Charles P. Salen will prove his charge made Monday night at Garibaldi hall, 2033 Murray Hill rd., that a Monte Carlo is being operated downtown "with the sanction

"If Salen will say the word I'll put

"If Salen will say he word I'll put up my $1,000-check instantly," Benesch declared. "If he'll give me twenty-four hours' notice I'll make it $10,000. All Salen has to do is to prove his charge. There may be a little gambling here and there that police do not know about, but there are no miniature Monte Carlos in Cleveland. My $1,000 speaks."

Chief Rowe refused Tuesday to be dragged into a controversy.

Rowe was pruning and watering his botanical specimens in his office.

"I am a policeman and not a politician," he said, as he sprinkled a hydrangea carefully.

"If Salen knows so much about gambling in Cleveland, it is his duty as a citizen to name the places so action may be taken," he added, as he stirred the earth around a fern.

"If Salen were to furnish you the names of gambling places, what action would you take?" was asked.

He brushed some perfect black loam soil from his hands.

"I don't know, he said.

Harry L. Davis is going to get whatever benefit there is in having his name appear first to the first voter in every precinct in Cleveland. Proofs of the mayoralty and other ballots were received Tuesday at Democratic headquarters and Tom Brannon, secretary and treasurer of the executive committee, now is busy making "sample ballots" which will show voters just how the administration wants them to vote on every question.

Davis' name appears first on each series of six ballots and Witt's last. Besides the instructions to "count the letters and vote for the name with nine letters—Peter Witt," the Democratic organization also will be able to instruct voters to look for the shortest name. The names of the other five mayoralty candidates are spread out, while every advantage is taken of the shortness of Witt's name and it appears on the ballot well centered on the line and crowded together so that it easily can be picked out.

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You've known "Jimmy" McGinty, councilman, for a long time. Now meet Professor James J. McGinty.

Tuesday night at Acme hall the erstwhile "Jimmy" will become professor of political instruction for voters in the ninth ward. "Jimmy" has a fine big blackboard, a couple of boxes of chalk and a pointer as his equipment. Also a nice little speech to go with each separate course of instruction. The blackboard is a facsimile ballot on which appear the names of the chief organization candidates. McGinty is going to mark the ballots for each candidate and by a system of figures will have every voter drilled so he can't make a mistake if he wants to.

And he's going to tell the whole ninth ward to vote "plunkers" for Witt and for himself.

After the Acme hall meeting the teacher and his blackboard are going to move all over the ward "keeping school" in halls, houses and, if necessary, on street corners.

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What is expected to be one of the biggest rallies in the Democratic campaign will be held Tuesday night in Acme hall, 2424 E. 9th st. Tractioner Witt, Councilman McGinty and Finance Director Coughlin will speak. The Witt volley will be fired promptly at 7:30, after which Witt and Coughlin will leave for the tent at Broadway and Forman ave. Refreshments will be served after the speeches.

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By the time the four principal candidates for mayor all are making tent campaigns more than $300 a night will be spent for this form of campaigning, made famous by Tom L. Johnson. Witt and Davis now have their tents out, and Norton and Salen will be under canvas within a week or ten days. Democratic campaigners figure the cost of operating their tent at seventy-five dollars a night.

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Distribution of 125,000 Democratic boost books will be begun Saturday by the Democratic executive committee. About 20,000 books will be distributed in each ward. The book is devoted to the accomplishments of the Baker administration, and contains Tractioner Witt's platform.

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Miner G. Norton, at three East Side meetings Monday night, denied Democratic charges that the city's deficit, piled up under the Baker administration, was an "inheritance from the Baehr administration" and declared that the city's financial condition is due entirely to Democratic mismanagement.

"Our city is growing," said Norton, "and we must continue to make improvements. It is not against improvements that the people are kicking, but against the lack of management and business-like methods in handling the city's problems."

Norton also declared that the burdens that used to be on the railway company's shoulders now have been shifted to the people.

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An invitation to address dry meetings was extended Tuesday by Paul S. Knight, of the drys, to Nida Pangle, business agent of the waitresses' union of Toledo, and Louisa Mittelstadt, vice president of the Women's Trades Union Labor League of Chicago, who came to Cleveland to address a series of meetings for the defeat of prohibition. The two women orators, the first of their sex to take the stump for the wets, were scheduled to speak in Public Square Tuesday night.

"We will welcome these two women wets at any or all of our meetings," Knight said. "If they have any arguments to set forth that are worth while we should like to hear them."

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Tractioner Witt has two debates scheduled for this week. Wednesday night he will meet Miner G. Norton in the second of the Witt-Norton debates at Grays armory.

Saturday night he will debate with Harry L. Davis in a tent at E. 55th st. and Cedar ave. Witt will open this debate with a thirty-minute argument. Davis will talk thirty minutes and then each will have fifteen minutes for rebuttal.

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Harry L. Davis promised members of the Eighth Ward Republican Club Monday night that he'll cut the city debt if elected mayor. He advised against voting the $1,500,000 bond issue to cover the deficiency of the Baker administration, and declared short time notes bearing 3½ per cent interest could be floated to care for the indebtedness. Davis also advised against voting for the Barber subway grant unless the company is forced to put up bond that work will be started within a specified time.

At noon Tuesday Davis spoke to employees of Standard Welding Company, West 76th street. Noon day shop meetings hereafter will be a feature of the Davis campaign.

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When Councilman Durkin announced Tuesday that the Twenty-first Ward Democratic Club had indorsed Councilman David Moylan's candidacy for the four-year term on the municipal court bench, it became known that practically every Democratic ward club has promised Moylan support. Moylan, who is Ohio's only armless councilman, has served two terms from the seventh ward."

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Frank G. Carpenter, united party candidate for mayor of East Cleveland, promised better street car service if elected. He charges Mayor Minshall has neglected to force the railway company to live up to the provisions of its franchise calling for eight-minute service through the day and four-minute rush hour service.

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Harry L. Davis, Charles P. Salen, Miner G. Norton and Tractioner Witt Tuesday were perparing replies to a letter asking their position on welfare work. The questions are asked by the Cleveland Welfare Council and will be answered at the City Club luncheon, Saturday noon, at the Hollenden.

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The Cleveland Federation of Labor Tuesday sent letters to all its members asking them to vote against both the prohibition amendment and the Stability League amendment restricting the submission of constitutional amendments to popular vote for a period of six years after they have twice been defeated.

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The drys announced Tuesday they would start their whirlwind campaign of street corner meetings Tuesday night. The places of holding the meetings will not be made public, according to Knight, because of interference experienced last year from the wets. Cornetists and soloists will announce the coming of the drys on corners in business districts. B. A. Schreiber, mayor of East Liverpool, will speak at some of the meetings.

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The Home Rule Labor League is making extensive arrangements for the closing of the campaign with a mass meeting at Grays' armory, with Congressman Jacob Meeker as speaker. The meeting will be held under the auspices of the Cleveland Federation of Labor.

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Clayton W. Tyler, candidate for reelection as mayor of Lakewood, Monday night pointed to abolition of the fee system in the engineering department as an administration accomplishment, in a speech at H. A. Barr's home, 1360 Lakeland ave. Tyler declared the change in the system has saved the people money and worked for greater efficiency in the engineering department.

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Board of elections members said Tuesday they expect more than 2,500 Cleveland voters to register on special registration day, November 1. On either Saturday, October 30, or Monday, November 1, voters who were ill or more than fifty miles from Cleveland on all of the four regular registration days, may appear before the board. Those given permits must take them to booths November 1 and register. Special registration may bring the total up to 116,000.

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Hecklers again irritated Tractioner Witt Monday night when they interrupted both him and Mayor Baker in the tent at Broadway and Gallup ave. One heckler finally was put out by police. Witt was talking about the street railway system and blaming the war in Europe for the penny transfer charge when the heckler opened with:

"Who pays for the power to operate the cars?"

The general effect of the court's decision in the N. O. T. & L. case is to establish definitely the principle that a public utility franchise granted originally for an indefinite period may be terminated at will by either

'I'D BE REAL BOSS,' WITT CRIES, HITTING AT DAVIS BACKERS

Asserts He'll Rule as Mayor; Raps Statement Opponent 'Would Surround Self With Good Men.'

Pledges He'll Start $2.50 Minimum Wage for City Workers Regardless of Vote.

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PROMISES INCINERATORS FOR WEST, EAST SIDES

Says He Will Talk Single Tax in Debate With Davis.

PLAIN DEALER

Day With Candidates

PETER WITT, administration candidate, laid down a minimum wage policy for his administration if elected, advocated two city incinerator plants for ashes anad rubbish and declared the "boss" would be found in the mayor's office if he is named executive.

HARRY L. DAVIS again opposed the $1,500,000 deficiency bond issue.

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Safety Director Benesch made his bid Tuesday for membership in the $1,000 forfeit club when he declared he will give that sum to any Cleveland charity if Charles P. Salen will prove his charge made Monday night at Garibaldi hall, 2033 Murray Hill rd., that a Monte Carlo is being operated downtown "with the sanction

"If Salen will say he word I'll put up my $1,000-check instantly," Benesch declared. "If he'll give me twenty-four hours' notice I'll make it $10,000. All Salen has to do is to prove his charge. There may be a little gambling here and there that police do not know about, but there are no miniature Monte Carlos in Cleveland. My $1,000 speaks."

Chief Rowe refused Tuesday to be dragged into a controversy.

Rowe was pruning and watering his botanical specimens in his office.

"I am a policeman and not a politician," he said, as he sprinkled a hydrangea carefully.

"If Salen knows so much about gambling in Cleveland, it is his duty as a citizen to name the places so action may be taken," he added, as he stirred the earth around a fern.

"If Salen were to furnish you the names of gambling places, what action would you take?" was asked.

He brushed some perfect black loam soil from his hands.

"I don't know, he said.

Harry L. Davis is going to get whatever benefit there is in having his name appear first to the first voter in every precinct in Cleveland. Proofs of the mayoralty and other ballots were received Tuesday at Democratic headquarters and Tom Brannon, secretary and treasurer of the executive committee, now is busy making "sample ballots" which will show voters just how the administration wants them to vote on every question.

Davis' name appears first on each series of six ballots and Witt's last. Besides the instructions to "count the letters and vote for the name with nine letters—Peter Witt," the Democratic organization also will be able to instruct voters to look for the shortest name. The names of the other five mayoralty candidates are spread out, while every advantage is taken of the shortness of Witt's name and it appears on the ballot well centered on the line and crowded together so that it easily can be picked out.

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You've known "Jimmy" McGinty, councilman, for a long time. Now meet Professor James J. McGinty.

Tuesday night at Acme hall the erstwhile "Jimmy" will become professor of political instruction for voters in the ninth ward. "Jimmy" has a fine big blackboard, a couple of boxes of chalk and a pointer as his equipment. Also a nice little speech to go with each separate course of instruction. The blackboard is a facsimile ballot on which appear the names of the chief organization candidates. McGinty is going to mark the ballots for each candidate and by a system of figures will have every voter drilled so he can't make a mistake if he wants to.

And he's going to tell the whole ninth ward to vote "plunkers" for Witt and for himself.

After the Acme hall meeting the teacher and his blackboard are going to move all over the ward "keeping school" in halls, houses and, if necessary, on street corners.

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What is expected to be one of the biggest rallies in the Democratic campaign will be held Tuesday night in Acme hall, 2424 E. 9th st. Tractioner Witt, Councilman McGinty and Finance Director Coughlin will speak. The Witt volley will be fired promptly at 7:30, after which Witt and Coughlin will leave for the tent at Broadway and Forman ave. Refreshments will be served after the speeches.

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By the time the four principal candidates for mayor all are making tent campaigns more than $300 a night will be spent for this form of campaigning, made famous by Tom L. Johnson. Witt and Davis now have their tents out, and Norton and Salen will be under canvas within a week or ten days. Democratic campaigners figure the cost of operating their tent at seventy-five dollars a night.

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Distribution of 125,000 Democratic boost books will be begun Saturday by the Democratic executive committee. About 20,000 books will be distributed in each ward. The book is devoted to the accomplishments of the Baker administration, and contains Tractioner Witt's platform.

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Miner G. Norton, at three East Side meetings Monday night, denied Democratic charges that the city's deficit, piled up under the Baker administration, was an "inheritance from the Baehr administration" and declared that the city's financial condition is due entirely to Democratic mismanagement.

"Our city is growing," said Norton, "and we must continue to make improvements. It is not against improvements that the people are kicking, but against the lack of management and business-like methods in handling the city's problems."

Norton also declared that the burdens that used to be on the railway company's shoulders now have been shifted to the people.

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An invitation to address dry meetings was extended Tuesday by Paul S. Knight, of the drys, to Nida Pangle, business agent of the waitresses' union of Toledo, and Louisa Mittelstadt, vice president of the Women's Trades Union Labor League of Chicago, who came to Cleveland to address a series of meetings for the defeat of prohibition. The two women orators, the first of their sex to take the stump for the wets, were scheduled to speak in Public Square Tuesday night.

"We will welcome these two women wets at any or all of our meetings," Knight said. "If they have any arguments to set forth that are worth while we should like to hear them."

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Tractioner Witt has two debates scheduled for this week. Wednesday night he will meet Miner G. Norton in the second of the Witt-Norton debates at Grays armory.

Saturday night he will debate with Harry L. Davis in a tent at E. 55th st. and Cedar ave. Witt will open this debate with a thirty-minute argument. Davis will talk thirty minutes and then each will have fifteen minutes for rebuttal.

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Harry L. Davis promised members of the Eighth Ward Republican Club Monday night that he'll cut the city debt if elected mayor. He advised against voting the $1,500,000 bond issue to cover the deficiency of the Baker administration, and declared short time notes bearing 3½ per cent interest could be floated to care for the indebtedness. Davis also advised against voting for the Barber subway grant unless the company is forced to put up bond that work will be started within a specified time.

At noon Tuesday Davis spoke to employees of Standard Welding Company, West 76th street. Noon day shop meetings hereafter will be a feature of the Davis campaign.

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When Councilman Durkin announced Tuesday that the Twenty-first Ward Democratic Club had indorsed Councilman David Moylan's candidacy for the four-year term on the municipal court bench, it became known that practically every Democratic ward club has promised Moylan support. Moylan, who is Ohio's only armless councilman, has served two terms from the seventh ward."

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Frank G. Carpenter, united party candidate for mayor of East Cleveland, promised better street car service if elected. He charges Mayor Minshall has neglected to force the railway company to live up to the provisions of its franchise calling for eight-minute service through the day and four-minute rush hour service.

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Harry L. Davis, Charles P. Salen, Miner G. Norton and Tractioner Witt Tuesday were perparing replies to a letter asking their position on welfare work. The questions are asked by the Cleveland Welfare Council and will be answered at the City Club luncheon, Saturday noon, at the Hollenden.

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The Cleveland Federation of Labor Tuesday sent letters to all its members asking them to vote against both the prohibition amendment and the Stability League amendment restricting the submission of constitutional amendments to popular vote for a period of six years after they have twice been defeated.

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The drys announced Tuesday they would start their whirlwind campaign of street corner meetings Tuesday night. The places of holding the meetings will not be made public, according to Knight, because of interference experienced last year from the wets. Cornetists and soloists will announce the coming of the drys on corners in business districts. B. A. Schreiber, mayor of East Liverpool, will speak at some of the meetings.

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The Home Rule Labor League is making extensive arrangements for the closing of the campaign with a mass meeting at Grays' armory, with Congressman Jacob Meeker as speaker. The meeting will be held under the auspices of the Cleveland Federation of Labor.

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Clayton W. Tyler, candidate for re-election as mayor of Lakewood, Monday night pointed to abolition of the fee system in the engineering department as an administration accomplishment, in a speech at H. A. Barr's home, 1369 Lakeland ave. Tyler declared the change in the system has saved the people money and worked for greater efficiency in the engineering department.

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Board of elections members said Tuesday they expect more than 2,500 Cleveland voters to register on special registration day, November 1. On either Saturday, October 30, or Monday, November 1, voters who were ill or more than fifty miles from Cleveland on all of the four regular registration days, may appear before the board. Those given permits must take them to booths November 1 and register. Special registration may bring the total up to 116,000.

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Hecklers again irritated Tractioner Witt Monday night when they interrupted both him and Mayor Baker in the tent at Broadway and Gallup ave. One heckler finally was put out by police. Witt was talking about the street railway system and blaming the war in Europe for the penny transfer charge when the heckler opened with:

"Who pays for the power to operate the cars?"

"The car riders," was his answer.

"Yes, and you're not one of them," came back.

Witt then offered to leave the platform and put the heckler out himself, but police saved him the trouble.

Witt also met an old friend who was arrested with the traction commissioner years ago. Witt admitted the charge and explained he was arrested because he wouldn't stop talking in Public Square when ordered to do by police.

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PROMISES INCINERATORS FOR WEST, EAST SIDES

Says He Will Talk Single Tax in Debate With Davis.

PLAIN DEALER

Day With Candidates

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the electorate, told a questioner why he is for woman suffrage and kept the crowd in alternate roars of laughter and applause as he handled hecklers.

Effectually he silenced a persistent heckler near the entrance to the tent, from which quarter had come continual interruptions while Mayor Newton D. Baker was speaking and after Mr. Witt had started.

The candidate had answered the man's question, but from his place in the crowd the heckler began an unintelligible cry, when Mr. Witt turned toward him. The commissioner strode to the edge of the platform with arm outstretched, finger pointing.

"Now, look here," he called. "If you want to ask questions all right, but if you think you're going to run this meeting I'll put you out myself!"

Heckler is Silenced.

"Good boy, Pete!" howled a man as thundering applause arose. There was not another interruption from that source the rest of the evening.

"The limit's reached when people want to run you," Mr. Witt told the laughing crowd. "People who don't know enough to run a coffee grinder want to run the state."

But the laughing and clapping reached its high water mark when the commissioner, himself shaking with laughter, had to walk to the side of the platform to shake hands with a gray-mustached man who kept interrupting in broken English that he had known "Pete" for twenty years and wanted to make a speech for the candidate. And as the candidate leaned over to grasp his hand, the other, holding up his free hand for silence, cried:

"We was arrested together!"

Stilling the merriment that convulsed the crowd as he returned to the front of the platform, Mr. Witt said as well as he could for laughing:

"Now, I'll have to explain. Yes, I was arrested, but I'll have to tell you why. It was in 1896 when they wouldn't let us talk in the Public square.

"Yeh, that's right!" broke in the man.

"They wouldn't let us talk in the Public square and I was one of several taken down to the calaboose because I wouldn't be quiet."

"Yeh, under McKisson!" the man beside the platform interrupted again. A policeman was talking to him now, and Mr. Witt called to him "Calaboose" and a word or two in the stranger's language, which touched off the laughter again. The man grinned at the commissioner and relapsed into silence.

All through the meeting, a group of five or six at one side of the tent kept calling "Davis!" in the midst of the speaking.

"That's a voice from the cellar," Mayor Baker said when the cry cut in on his speech.

The tent was pitched last night at Broadway and Gallup-av. S. E. Mayor Baker, calling this an educational campaign, talked of 3-cent light, answered questions about it, and said the confidence of the people in municipal ownership, expressed when they voted the $2,000,000 bond issue for a light plant advocated by him when he first ran for mayor, had been "justified and verified."

The mayor said his adversaries have admitted the honesty and efficiency of his administration, but charge him with spending great sums of money. The mayor agreed he had spent a great deal, told why, and told two instances where he said he saved the people large sums. He saved $65,000 when he had a roadway built across the gully near E. 65th-st by filling in with dirt from the filtration plant instead of building a bridge, he declared. He asserted that by keeping the cost of the new city hall to the original estimate of $2,600,000 he saved the city $1,500,000 that architects would have added had he not, when he took office, demanded the cost be held down to the first figures.

"Too good for Davis," a man in the crowd cried as the mayor finished telling of the new city hall.

Mr. Witt announced his debate with Mr. Davis to be held Saturday evening and the labor meeting to be held in the Hippodrome next Sunday, when he said he would talk on "Labor Unions and Taxation." He promised to "make it interesting" and said he would discuss single tax.

Discussing the street railway situation, Mr. Witt blamed the loss of revenue occasioned by decreasing car loads in the period of depression following the outbreak of the war for the raise in fare, and declared car riders are paying as much fare now as Cleveland ever will see or even "dream about."

Mentioning his proposal that the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. reduce its rates to 3 cents by March 1 if he is elected, Mr. Witt drew cheers from the crowd and a yell of "Atta boy, Pete" from an enthusiast when he said if the company didn't cut its rate in March, in April he would be back with the tent on the same lot asking the people to approve a bond issue of $5,000,000 "to duplicate their plant in every part of the city." He spoke of Mr. Davis' assertion that he favored the minimum wage charter amendment proposal and Mr. Davis' question as to how Mr. Witt and the other candidates stood.

"I preached minimum wage when Harry Davis was wearing knickerbockers," cried the commissioner. "It makes no difference whether the charter amendment is voted up or down, when I am mayor, whether the $2.50 amendment is approved or not, that will be the wage city laborers will receive."

To the heckler who asked why he favored suffrage, Mr. Witt hurled the reply: "I'm for people ruling themselves. I think my mother was as good as my father, that my wife is as good as I am! If you don't like that, don't vote for me. But if you don't believe in woman suffrage, move! Because the next time the state votes on it it will be conferred."

After telling his advocacy of having the city keep $1,400,000 in taxes now collected here that goes elsewhere, Mr. Witt paid tribute to "Billy" Springborn's efficiency and loyalty as a public servant when his name was brought up by a heckler, and concluded with his declaration he would be the boss if elected mayor.

"Mr. Davis' nearest and dearest friends admit he's not fit for the job, but Mr. Davis' nearest and dearest friends say he can surround himself with good men," said the candidate. Let us know who's going to be mayor, not who he's going to surround himself with."

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"Ask the politicians about gambling," Chief Rowe grinned.

Noon day shop meetings were addressed by Peter Witt and Harry L. Davis Tuesday. Witt was at the Corrigan-McKinney Co. plant and Davis at the Standard Welding Co.

Witt for Minimum Wage.

"If I am to be judged, I believe I ought to be judged by my record as a citizen here 30 years and as tractioner the last four years," Witt told a capacity crowd in his tent at Broadway and Gallup-av Monday night.

"I preached the minimum wage when Davis wore knickerbockers. When I'm mayor $2.50 a day will be the minimum wage for city labor whether the charter amendment, fixing it at that, is adopted or not," he said.

Witt detailed his record as tractioner, pausing at intervals to shoot back replies to hecklers.

"Sure, you must know me Pete," said one man, pressing to the platform. "Why, you and I were arrested together."

"I'll have to explain that," Witt responded, as the crowd roared. "He and I went to the calaboose back in 1896, when they tried to stop us speaking on the square."

He's for Suffrage.

"How about woman suffrage?" someone asked.

"I'm for it," cried Witt. "I believe my mother was just as good as my father and my wife is as good as I am.

"Davis' nearest and dearest friends say Harry isn't fit for the job of mayor, but that he will surround himself with competent advisers. Who's really going to be mayor?

"You'll have no trouble finding out who's mayor when I'm on the job. I'll expect every director I appoint to direct, but he'll direct his department as I want him to, because I'm the man responsible.

About Three-Cent Light.

"When I'm elected mayor I'm going to give the Illuminating Co. until March 1, just 60 days after I take office, to bring light rates down to three cents as the city has ordered. If it doesn't do it, you'll find me out here in the tent in April urging a $5,000,000 bond issue to extend municipal light and duplicate the Illuminating Co.'s property in every part of the city. We'll make it scrap its property, if we must."

Witt told of all the new cars that had been bought during his administration and the extensions made and new property acquired. He then made this prediction:

"You'll never see the day when the car riders will pay more than they are paying today."

Mayor Baker told of the success of the muny light plant and said:

"If you elect Pete Witt mayor you'll have 3-cent light for everyone by April."

The Witt-Davis debate will be staged Saturday night, probably at Cedar-av and E. 55th-st, a republican stamping ground.

"We let the Davis folk fix all conditions of the debate and let them pick the place." said R. J. Bulkley, democratic committee chairman, Tuesday.

Councilman FitzGerald, acting for Davis, wants Judge Fielder Sanders to be chairman at the debate. He also wants each man to have 30 minutes, with 15 minutes rebuttal.

"Economy" was the cry Monday night of Davis, who attacked the city administration for alleged extravagance, at a meeting of the eighth ward Davis club at 5208 Detroit-av.

"Don't vote for the $1,500,000 deficiency bond issue," Davis asserted. "I propose to pay the city's debts, but not by a bond issue. I advocate issuing short time notes to run six months each.

"Don't pay any attention to Witt's campaign promises. The democrats have made promises in every campaign, and then failed to keep them. Are you ever going to make them quit bulling you?"

Davis again criticised the Barber E. 55th-st subway freight terminal plan.

Norton Discusses Witt.

City fianances and Pete Witt occupied the attention of Miner G. Norton's three meetings.

Norton said the city's debt is increasing while its credit is decreasing.

"I am not concerned with the liquor question," said Norton.

"Peter Witt has said he stood sponsor for the Baker administration. Both Peter Witt and the Baker administration have been extravagant."

Other speakers included Frank C. Phillips, candidate for municipal judge, four-year term, and J. W. Holcomb.

Witt Tuesday was trying to discover who was responsible for the distribution of pamphlets, boosting the proposed constitutional amendment to lengthen the terms of county officers, at his meeting Monday night.

"If I had known the pamphlets were being passed out, I'd have taken a crack at the proposed amendment," said Witt. "I'm opposed to that amendment."

DENY BACKING WITT RALLY.

Denial was made yesterday by John O'Brien, financial secretary of local 17, Bridge and Structural Iron Workers' union, that two of the men announced as being on the executive committee of a labor meeting to be held for Peter Witt, candidate for mayor, are members of the structural iron workers' union.

The names in question are Thomas Graus and J. P. McMeeney. It was given out by Witt forces Sunday that these two with others connected with labor organizations are to compose a committee to have charge of the meeting which is to be held at the Hippodrome Sunday afternoon.

DEMAND SALEN PROVE WE HAVE 'MONTE CARLO'

"Locate It and Let Rowe Have Facts," Mayor's Answer to "Sport's" Accusation.

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Tractioner and Harry Davis to Hold Their Debate Saturday Night.

Mayoralty candidate "Sport" Salen said Monday night at one of his meetings that there's a real "Monte Carlo" downtown.

"Locate it," demanded Mayor Baker Tuesday. "It's Salen's duty as a citizen to tell the facts to Chief Rowe."

VICTORY CERTAIN, SAYS HARRY DAVIS

Declares Rivals Are Making Votes for Him Every Day and His Winning Is Now Sure.

Victory stares him in the face, Harry L. Davis declared at a meeting in the twelfth ward Republican wigwam last night.

"I never was so optimistic in my life," he said. "I go home every night after addressing my meetings with a broad smile on my face because I know that we are going to win. I know it because every time my opponent opens his face he makes a thousand votes for me.

"There has always been something to trip us up and cause us to fail in previous campaigns. Two years ago it was a trick of the Democrats in holding up the saloon licenses. But this year they will not be able to play such a trick. The license commissioners have been ordered to announce them before election day.

Davis for the first time in his campaign endorsed a candidate for council when he urged the voters of the 12th ward to elect Alex Bernstein.

Davis declared that Witt's promise to consolidate the two telephone companies is all "bunk." "I know that no mayor can make these two companies consolidate unless they want to. Statements that I am in favor of the consolidation are untrue. I have said and I say now that what the Democrats have not accomplished in fifteen years in office they will never accomplish."

He closed his speech with the declaration that unlike conditions at the beginning of the campaign, there was no longer any dissension in the ranks of the Republicans and that the party would get solidly behind him to put him in office November 2.

The Fourth Ward Republican Club last night indorsed Davis for mayor at a meeting in Friedman's hall, Lorain ave. and W. 47th st. Davis will address the club at a meeting in the hall this evening. Other candidates will speak.

HECKLERS PUT WITT ON EDGE, MENACES 'EM

Threatens to Put One Out of Meeting With His Own Hands.

LEADER

'WAR RAISES CAR FARE'

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Baker Tilts With Questioners —Talks by Other Candidates Last Night.

Hecklers again sent Peter Witt into a rage at a Democratic tent meeting last night, while an old friend with an unexpected public confession as having been arrested with him caused him considerable embarrassment. The Democratic organization mayoralty candidate became so wrought up over the questions fired at him that he shook his fist at the crowd and threatened personal violence upon his questioners.

Witt placed the blame for the raise in street car fare in Cleveland upon the war in Europe, proclaimed himself the best traction commissioner in the country, declared he was one of the hardest working men in the city, and complained of the blame that was heaped upon him for things that he had no control over. He emphatically declared that the street car fare would never go any higher than it is now.

Mayor Baker was the first speaker at the Witt meeting and had several tilts with hecklers. One of them was so persistent that he was finally ejected from the meeting by a policeman.

At one point the mayor concluded a statement with the remark that "we are a great homogenous body, going forth hand in hand." This characteristic remark was too much for one of his hearers, who broke in with "Hurray for Davis."

"A voice from the cellar," was Baker's reply, as the crowd laughed.

Other Candidates' Talks.

Harry L. Davis in his meetings last night declared that he will solve the city's present financial distress by issuing short time notes. He said he would bring about a merger of the two telephone companies.

Miner G. Norton laid the city's deficits to poor financing by the Democrats. He attacked Witt's traction regime, declaring that the traction company has shifted its financial burdens off upon the taxpayers. He defended the Smith 1 per cent law as being a city's greatest financial safeguard against such "tax spenders" as the present administration.

Charles P. Salen, stung to action by the attacks upon him as a "sport," declared that he is against the very things he is charged with favoring. Among the things he said he would stamp out if elected will be the "wholesale gambling," which he says is now going on openly in the downtown districts.

Pete Is Excited.

Witt first became infuriated when, after giving an explanation of the cost of the street railway company's power, a voice from the crowd shouted:

"Who pays for the power?"

"The car riders," answered Witt.

"Yes, and you're not one of them," the heckler said.

Witt rushed to the side of the platform, bent over and shook his fist at the crowd, yelling:

"If you don't shut up, I'll come down there and put you out of this meeting myself. You can't run this affair. I'm the manager here. Some people are altogether too funny."

Witt then started again upon a lengthy defense of his four years' administration of the city's interests in the street railway, when another heckler broke in with:

"Let me talk for you, Pete."

Witt paid no attention but continued his eulogy of himself.

Shortly after his outburst an elderly man pushed his way to the platform and insisted upon shaking hands with Witt. He also asked the candidate if he didn't recognize him. Witt apparently didn't because the visitor then announced:

"You ought to know me. We were arrested together once."

The crowd howled with laughter and Witt, holding up his hand, declared he wanted to explain. He admitted the truth of the man's statements and declared the incident mentioned happened in 1896, when he was speaking from a soap-box in the Public Square. He said he with several others were taken into custody because they refused to stop talking.

Witt was explaining garbage collection statistics when another heckler arose and asked:

"Does Springborn buy any of our garbage?"

"Never mind that. I want to tell you that Billy Springborn was the best public official that Cleveland ever had."

"How do you stand on woman's suffrage?" was shouted at him in the midst of another statement.

"I'm for it! answered witt.

Witt invited everyone to his debate with Harry L. Davis, one of his opponents, Saturday night. As he announced the meeting several started a cheer for Davis and a voice cried:

"He's going to skin you Pete. Look out for your hide."

Witt replied, "If I lose my hide I won't be the only one."

He said he had made the street railway system here the finest in the country, had "revolutionized" its operation and declared he "woke up in the morning with street cars on my mind and take them to bed at night."

"I'm blamed for a lot of things that I haven't the power or control over," said Witt. "So is the railway company. Everyone kicks if they can't get a car when they want it. I've worked as hard on my job as anyone in the city.

Blames War for Increase.

"The war in Europe is to blame for the increase in the rate of fare in Cleveland. When it broke out last year men were put out of work and didn't ride so much on the street cars. If there had been no European war, Clevelanders would never have been charged an extra penny for a transfer. But you can rest assured that you will never see the time when you will pay more fare than you pay at present."

He urged the passage of all the bond issues submitted and announced that if elected he would ask the people to vote for a bond issue for a rubbish incinerating plant and a $5,000,000 issue to purchase the Illuminating company's plant if it didn't "come to its knees" by March 1.

"Don't be afraid of bond issues," said Witt. "They make future generations stand as much of the expense of public improvements as yourself."

Mayor Baker preceded Witt and in defending the municipal light plant he was heckled.

"What is the fourteenth ward getting?" was asked of him.

Baker admitted it was getting no service from the light plant, and when the heckler insisted upon a more definite answer, a policeman ejected him from the meeting. The mayor admitted he "had spent a lot of money" and likened himself to a high-priced automobile. He declared his administration had lived up to its promises and declared "the success of the municipal light plant is due to the talents of Mr. du Pont and Mr. Ballard."

"But the thing that makes me happiest," said Baker, "is the fact that during my fourteen years stay among you I have seen Cleveland lifted to a higher intellectual, ethical and moral plain than of any other city in the country."

Tells of Achievements.

He paused for applause but none came.

"Our politics proves this," continued Baker. "In other cities they are handing out the same old political bunk but in Cleveland the officials explain their acts and permit the people to ask questions of them."

Baker then explained how Cleveland had been saved from the possibility of an earthquake disaster like San Francisco, through the insight of administration officials. He declared the city was being equipped with two independent water supply systems to stave off any such disaster.

Baker then explained how he had saved $65,000 for the city by having a fill and roadway made for a gully at W. 65th st., instead of a bridge.

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"You probably have the same habits I have," answered Baker. "You spend more than you can afford to."

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REPLY.

Chewing causes a secretion of saliva and gastric juice. The salivary glands and the stomach glands start gum chewer stimulates these

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Hyenas' jaws are so powerful that they can break the shin bone of a bullock at one snap.

The catgut used for violin strings is not obtained from cats, but from sheep or goats.

Fifty years ago tea was too dear to be an ordinary beverage in the average household.

HECKLERS PUT WITT ON EDGE, MENACES 'EM

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LEADER

'WAR RAISES CAR FARE'

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Baker Tilts With Questioners —Talks by Other Candidates Last Night.

Hecklers again sent Peter Witt into a rage at a Democratic tent meeting last night, while an old friend with an unexpected public confession as having been arrested with him caused him considerable embarrassment. The Democratic organization mayoralty candidate became so wrought up over the questions fired at him that he shook his fist at the crowd and threatened personal violence upon his questioners.

Witt placed the blame for the raise in street car fare in Cleveland upon the war in Europe, proclaimed himself the best traction commissioner in the country, declared he was one of the hardest working men in the city, and complained of the blame that was heaped upon him for things that he had no control over. He emphatically declared that the street car fare would never go any higher than it is now.

Mayor Baker was the first speaker at the Witt meeting and had several tilts with hecklers. One of them was so persistent that he was finally ejected from the meeting by a policeman.

At one point the mayor concluded a statement with the remark that "we are a great homogenous body, going forth hand in hand." This characteristic remark was too much for one of his hearers, who broke in with "Hurray for Davis."

"A voice from the cellar," was Baker's reply, as the crowd laughed.

Other Candidates' Talks.

Harry L. Davis in his meetings last night declared that he will solve the city's present financial distress by issuing short time notes. He said he would bring about a merger of the two telephone companies.

Miner G. Norton laid the city's deficits to poor financing by the Democrats. He attacked Witt's traction regime, declaring that the traction company has shifted its financial burdens off upon the taxpayers. He defended the Smith 1 per cent law as being a city's greatest financial safeguard against such "tax spenders" as the present administration.

Charles P. Salen, stung to action by the attacks upon him as a "sport," declared that he is against the very things he is charged with favoring. Among the things he said he would stamp out if elected will be the "wholesale gambling," which he says is now going on openly in the downtown districts.

Pete Is Excited.

Witt first became infuriated when, after giving an explanation of the cost of the street railway company's power, a voice from the crowd shouted:

"Who pays for the power?"

"The car riders," answered Witt.

"Yes, and you're not one of them," the heckler said.

Witt rushed to the side of the platform, bent over and shook his fist at the crowd, yelling:

"If you don't shut up, I'll come down there and put you out of this meeting myself. You can't run this affair. I'm the manager here. Some people are altogether too funny."

Witt then started again upon a lengthy defense of his four years' administration of the city's interests in the street railway, when another heckler broke in with:

"Let me talk for you, Pete."

Witt paid no attention but continued his eulogy of himself.

Shortly after his outburst an elderly man pushed his way to the platform and insisted upon shaking hands with Witt. He also asked the candidate if he didn't recognize him. Witt apparently didn't because the visitor then announced:

"You ought to know me. We were arrested together once."

The crowd howled with laughter and Witt, holding up his hand, declared he wanted to explain. He admitted the truth of the man's statements and declared the incident mentioned happened in 1896, when he was speaking from a soap-box in the Public Square. He said he with several others were taken into custody because they refused to stop talking.

Witt was explaining garbage collection statistics when another heckler arose and asked:

"Does Springborn buy any of our garbage?"

"Never mind that. I want to tell you that Billy Springborn was the best public official that Cleveland ever had."

"How do you stand on woman's suffrage?" was shouted at him in the midst of another statement.

"I'm for it! answered witt.

Witt invited everyone to his debate with Harry L. Davis, one of his opponents, Saturday night. As he announced the meeting several started a cheer for Davis and a voice cried:

"He's going to skin you Pete. Look out for your hide."

Witt replied, "If I lose my hide I won't be the only one."

He said he had made the street railway system here the finest in the country, had "revolutionized" its operation and declared he "woke up in the morning with street cars on my mind and take them to bed at night."

"I'm blamed for a lot of things that I haven't the power or control over," said Witt. "So is the railway company. Everyone kicks if they can't get a car when they want it. I've worked as hard on my job as anyone in the city.

Blames War for Increase.

"The war in Europe is to blame for the increase in the rate of fare in Cleveland. When it broke out last year men were put out of work and didn't ride so much on the street cars. If there had been no European war, Clevelanders would never have been charged an extra penny for a transfer. But you can rest assured that you will never see the time when you will pay more fare than you pay at present."

He urged the passage of all the bond issues submitted and announced that if elected he would ask the people to vote for a bond issue for a rubbish incinerating plant and a $5,000,000 issue to purchase the Illuminating company's plant if it didn't "come to its knees" by March 1.

"Don't be afraid of bond issues," said Witt. "They make future generations stand as much of the expense of public improvements as yourself."

Mayor Baker preceded Witt and in defending the municipal light plant he was heckled.

"What is the fourteenth ward getting?" was asked of him.

Baker admitted it was getting no service from the light plant, and when the heckler insisted upon a more definite answer, a policeman ejected him from the meeting. The mayor admitted he "had spent a lot of money" and likened himself to a high-priced automobile. He declared his administration had lived up to its promises and declared "the success of the municipal light plant is due to the talents of Mr. du Pont and Mr. Ballard."

"But the thing that makes me happiest," said Baker, "is the fact that during my fourteen years stay among you I have seen Cleveland lifted to a higher intellectual, ethical and moral plain than of any other city in the country."

Tells of Achievements.

He paused for applause but none came.

"Our politics proves this," continued Baker. "In other cities they are handing out the same old political bunk but in Cleveland the officials explain their acts and permit the people to ask questions of them."

Baker then explained how Cleveland had been saved from the possibility of an earthquake disaster like San Francisco, through the insight of administration officials. He declared the city was being equipped with two independent water supply systems to stave off any such disaster.

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The speech of Davis was brief and had to do with the recognition labor would receive were he elected mayor. He was asked a number of questions and in reference to one of them said he would appoint a representative of organized labor to the head of a city department in the event he was Cleveland's next mayor.

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The Slavish-American Political Club at a meeting in Stocke's hall on St. Clair ave. tomorrow evening will listen to speeches by Judge William H. Gannon, Judge George P. Baer and Samuel Silbert, aspirants for seats on the bench of the municipal court.

NORTON WILLING TO DEBATE WITH WITT ANY TIME

NEWS

The second debate between Miner G. Norton and Peter Witt, scheduled for the Grays' armory Wednesday night, was holding the center of the political stage Wednesday. Witt declares he'll dispose of Norton at this meeting, but Norton is insistent in his belief that he's going to do a little "disposing" himself. Norton is willing to keep on debating Witt until every issue the tractioner brings up is disposed of, he says.

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The board of elections Wednesday announced it would pay no attention to the protest of Mayo Fesler, secretary of the Civic League, against using the preferential system of voting on the ballot for municipal court clerk. Fesler declares there is no provision in Ohio law for the three choice ballots for this office.

"If we did not follow this law," said Deputy Clerk Caldwell, "we would have had to hold a primary for municipal court clerk, which would have cost $35,000 or $40,000 just to nominate candidates for this one office."

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Frank Burkley, secretary of the Labor Home Rule League, received two letters Wednesday from L. C. Lewis, secretary of the Workingmen's Protective and Publicity Association, which claims to represent the labor element of the dry campaign, challenging him to a wet and dry debate. The letters were returned by Burkley, stamped with a label issued by the Typographical union calling Lewis' attention to the fact that the stationery used by the association was nonunion.

"I cannot take cognizance of any matter coming from an organization pretending to represent union labor that fails to recognize union labor in the use of the label," Burkley wrote Lewis.

Burkley said the officers of the so-called union dry movement were not affiliated with the unions and that none of their literature was printed in shops friendly to union labor.

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Endorsement of the candidacy of Harry L. Davis by thirty-five business agents affiliated with the Cleveland Federation of Labor at a meeting Tuesday brought criticism Wednesday from the few union men who are behind the Peter Witt Labor Club. Charges that the business agents represented only themselves and not their organizations were made by James Malley, one of the leading figures in the Witt labor club.

On the other hand, it was said at labor headquarters Wednesday that the indorsement of Davis followed attempts of the Witt Labor Club to convey the impression that the labor body as a whole favored the candidacy of Witt.

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Davis told members of the Twelfth Ward Republican Club Tuesday night that "he never was so optimistic in his life" as he now is. Davis also predicted that dissension in the ranks of Republicans is rapidly disappearing and that the Republican party will go to the polls "solidly back of me."

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Charles P. Salen, at one West and one East Side meeting Tuesday night, promised that if elected he will revise street car working conditions, so railroad employees will not be forced to be on duty six to fourteen hours a day to get a few hours' pay. Salen advocated a straight eight-hour day for railway employees.

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Witt, at a meeting in Acme hall Tuesday night, got a little of the personal campaigning used by Tom L. Johnson into his evening's work. After his speech in which Witt told about the way he has built up the street car system, declared his opposition to service pensions for police and firemen and told one heckler he wouldn't allow saloons to open on Sunday because the license law prohibited it, the Democratic organization candidate mingled with the crowd in the hall, answering individual questions and "getting acquainted" with the ninth ward voters.

Witt declared that instead of paying a fireman or policeman a part of his salary after long service and when incapacitated for his regular work he would find him another job at his regular pay.

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Ninth ward voters are well behaved and mind "Jimmy" McGinty, as evidenced by the great self-restraint they manifested Tuesday night at Acme hall. Tractioner Witt was scheduled to speak at 8 o'clock but through some mistake in bookings his speeches didn't reach the hall until after nine. The crowd listened to Councilman McGinty, Congressman Gordon, County Clerk Haserodt and other speakers. Also to music from an orchestra.

Everybody got tired waiting for Witt and the word was passed that they'd go on with the "refreshment part of the program." Everybody was dry and hungry and no second invitation was needed. But, just as the line was forming Witt arrived.

McGinty, as Casey, of baseball fame did, quelled the "mighty tumult," got his 1,500 henchmen seated again and held them in silence while Witt delivered a thirty-minute talk.

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The Ohio Democracy is unwilling to have former Gevernor Cox act as standard bearer in 1916, according to word taken to Columbus by County Prosecutor Locher.

Locher is thinking some of going after the Democratic nomination for governor himself if Judson Harmon does not enter the field.

"I received more than 300 letters from different sections of Ohio following the publicity given my possible candidacy," Locher told Columbus Democrats. Most of them were from Democrats I had never heard of. Many gave me encouragement and practically all the writers said it would be fatal to the Democratic cause to try to send Cox back to the executive office.

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J. J. Breitinger, Cleveland, Akron & Canton Terminal railway director, will address the Cleveland Federation of Labor at its meeting Wednesday night. Breitinger was invited by Secretary Farrell to explain the advantages to union labor if the franchise for the subway under E. 55th st. known as the Barber subway is approved by the voters election day.

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Tractioner Witt Wednesday spoke to 150 students at Western Reserve Law school, urging them to take an active interest in political questions and to familiarize themselves with all issues in which they, as citizens, should be interested.

Witt made no appeal for votes and made no reference to his opponents in the mayoralty race. The greater part of his speech was given over to tax and municipal ownership.

READ HOW SIMPLE VOTING REALLY IS

Preferential Balloting is Not Puzzle if Easy Principles Are Learned.

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Voter Can Make First, Second and Other Choices on Candidates.

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Do you understand clearly how to vote the preferential ballot with its first, second and other choice columns.

Here's the story, if you don't. And that many voters are not yet sufficiently acquainted with the workings of the nonpartisan election provisions of the Cleveland charter is evidenced by questions asked daily.

Here are the two cardinal principles governing the form of the ballot:

"All ballots used in elections held under authority of this charter shall be without party mark or designation," says the charter. Then, a little further on:

"The ballots shall be so printed that each elector shall be enabled to designate for each office the candidate of his first choice, the candidate of his second choice, and such other candidates as he may desire to support."

These provisions established that the ballot shall bear the names of candidates in a list without party mark, and that to the right of the names shall be three columns, headed, "First Choice," "Second Choice," and "Other Choices."

Suppose that John Doe, Richard Roe, Henry Poe, James Hoe and William Goe are candidates for mayor. Suppose you are for Richard Roe. Then on your ballot you will place an "X" in the first choice column, opposite Richard Roe's name.

Your attitude, however, is that if Richard Roe could not be elected, you'd rather see Henry Poe elected than any of the others. He is your second choice. So, after voting first choice for Richard Roe, you place an "X" in the second choice column opposite the name of Henry Poe.

Suppose that of the three remaining you prefer John Doe and James Hoe to William Goe. Then in the column marked "Other Choices" you place an "X" opposite the name of John Doe, and another crossmark opposite the name of James Hoe. Or if you wish, you may vote simply one "other choice" selection.

The "other choice" column, however, gives the voter an effective method of voting against a candidate.

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This is the method of counting the votes on the preferential ballot to determine election:

If any candidate has a majority (more than half) of all the first choice votes cast for that office, he is elected.

If no candidate has a majority of first choice votes, each candidate's second choice votes are added to his first choice votes. Then if any candidate's sum of first and second choice votes combined equals a MAJORITY OF ALL FIRST CHOICE VOTES, he is elected. That is, under the provisions of the charter, a majority throughout means a majority of all first choice votes.

If no candidate has a number of votes equal to a majority of first choice votes, after first and second choice votes are combined, then to the sum of each candidate's first and second choice votes are added his other choice votes. The candidate receiving the LARGEST NUMBER of first, second and other choice votes combined is elected. That is, if the election goes to other choice votes, it is decided by a PLURALITY of first, second and third choice votes combined.

Here is an illustration of how an election might be won on first choice votes:

For Mayor.	First Choice.	Second Choice.	Other Choices
John Doe	50,000	7,000	2,000
Richard Roe ...	30,000	9,000	4,000
Henry Poe	19,000	8,000	1,000
Total	99,000		

The total of the first choice column having established the majority as more than half of 99,000, John Doe, with 50,000, is elected.

Here is an actual example of a victory on second choice votes. The figures are the results of the Cleveland election of 1913:

For Mayor.	First choice.	Second choice.	Other choices.
Newton D. Baker....	41,286	3,547	1,553
Harry L. Davis.....	36,126	3,926	1,805
Joseph E. Robb.....	5,737	9,270	2,696
Other candidates.....	67	10	8
Total	83,216	16,753	5,962

The total of first choice votes established the majority as more than half of 83,216. No candidate had such a majority of first choice votes, and so to the first choice votes of each were added his second choice votes, making these totals: Baker, 44,833; Davis, 40,052; Robb, 15,007.

The majority required being more than half of 83,216 (or more than 41,608), Mayor Baker was elected. His majority in first and second choice votes was the difference between 44,833 (total of his first and second choice votes) and 41,608 (half of the total of all first choice votes), or 3,225.

Here is an illustration of how an election might be won on other choices:

For Mayor.	First choice.	Second choice.	Other choices.
John Doe	40,000	6,000	1,000
Richard Roe.....	25,000	8,000	3,000
Henry Poe.....	33,000	9,000	4,000
Total	98,000		

The total of first choice votes establishes the majority as more than half of 98,000. No candidate has a majority therefore on first choice votes. It must go to second choice. So the second choice votes of each candidate are added to his first choice votes, giving the candidates these totals of first and second choice votes combined: John Doe, 46,000; Richard Roe, 33,000; Henry Poe, 42,000.

As the majority required is more than half of 98,000, no candidate has the required total on first and second choice votes. So the election goes to other choices. To the sum of each candidate's first and second choice votes are added his third choice votes, making these totals: John Doe, 47,000; Richard Roe, 36,000; Henry Poe, 46,000. The plurality decides it, and John Doe, having the most votes, wins.

SALEN USES 8-HOUR DAY PLEA IN TALKS

Declares He Favors Shorter Work Time for Police and Firemen.

Claims Credit as Father of Municipal Ownership Idea in U. S.

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Charles P. Salen declared himself in favor of an eight-hour day for policemen and firemen if feasible, last night at two hall and three home meetings he addressed. Attacking Candidate Peter Witt for his conduct of street railway affairs, Mr. Salen also declared for a minimum eight-hour day for car crews.

The candidate further took credit for himself for being the father of the municipal ownership idea, declaring he wrote the first pamphlet for municipal ownership which appeared in the United States, "somewhere along in '92 or '93."

Mr. Salen's municipal ownership views were brought out in answer to a question put to him at a meeting of the Fifth Ward Salen Nonpartisan club in a hall at 2818 W. 25th-st. Questions were frequent at this meeting, both friendly and unfriendly in tone.

"The Socialists are right in trying to force on the city municipal ownership of the street railway," said Mr. Salen. "I believe in the application of the principle under right direction; in fact, I believe it probably the only solution of the utility question. But right direction means that bonds of the municipality owned utility must be a lien on the utility's property and not on the credit of the city."

Mr. Salen declared the city, in going into the lighting business should have "appropriated" the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co., but later withdrew this statement and said that the plant should have been "acquired." With the present municipal electric light plant, Mr. Salen charged, the city is not in a position to compete successfully with the illuminating company. Use of the competition plan, with small plants, he said, has done much to discredit the municipal ownership principle. Concluding the municipal ownership discussion Mr. Salen said, he does not believe the city is at present in proper financial condition to buy the Cleveland Railway Co.

Declaring the Democratic party has developed into an autocracy, Mr. Salen charged it with trying to dictate "how you people shall live," and he cited the prohibition of bars in social clubs as an example. He declared politics has been placed before efficienecy in city business, and said political preferment has more emphasis in the office of "this minister, Rev. Dr. Cooley," than in any governmental office in the United States.

Taking up the management of the street railway, Mr. Salen declared Mr. Witt and the railway company heads have forced 40 per cent. of the car crews to work on swing runs which, he said, net them but an average of three and one-half hours' employment a day. He pointed out the company recently appropriated $150,000 for betterment of working conditions, but stated the amount has since been decreased. He asked why the company didn't give the car crews in salary what it is planning to spend for them on comfort stations.

Mr. Salen closed his speeches by predicting his election.

NORTON SLAMS AT PROMISES OF WITT

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Pronounces Smith Law Only Protection Against Unlimited Taxation.

Says Rail Commissioner Let Company Boost Stock Issues.

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Miner G. Norton took a shot at each of Peter Witt's platform planks at two of his five meetings last night, brought in the water rates question, and pronounced the Smith 1 per cent. tax law the only protection against unlimited taxation.

At the Indian club, in the Eighth ward, he was applauded when he said Peter Witt has done directly opposite what Tom Johnson started in the street car reform.

"Tom Johnson said, 'Squeeze out the water,' but Peter Witt says, 'Go ahead and issue all the stock you want to,'" said Mr. Norton. "Tom Johnson knew that the more stock we were paying 6 per cent. interest on, the more car fare we would have to pay."

After a reference to the city's financial condition and a shot at the suggestion of Harry L. Davis to include the county in the city to bring more revenue from taxation, Mr. Norton said the administration of the law, and not the law on taxation, is to blame.

"Since they have been permitted to transfer money at will, they have robbed every fund until they don't know which way to turn to find another dollar. They even dug into the waterworks fund, a fund which has been left sacredly untouched by other administrations because water rates were never meant for general taxes."

Taking an afternoon newspaper from his pocket, Mr. Norton produced a list he called planks from Witt's platform.

"Here is something really amusing. It's a joke, I think," he said. "'Rewrite the building code so as to encourage and not hamper building construction.' So he has just discovered there is something wrong with it. No one ever kicked about it until the Democrats rewrote it the last time.

"What has Pete got to do with the telephones now? He is going to rid Cleveland of the two-telephone nuisance. 'Repave the principal thoroughfares.' Before Mr. Witt was commissioner, the street car company paved sixteen feet of every street. Now it comes out of the taxes and it never gets done.

"We all would love to see that new Union station built. They have had the ground down there twenty years. It's funny the administration just discovered again it's time to build the depot."

Mr. Norton said he believes the county is almost bankrupt because it has been improving so heavily in the city.

WITT NAMED IN MUNICIPAL MOVIE

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Want to see the new filtration plant, high level bridge, Warrensville farm, Concon car shops, muny light plant or the donkey race at the democratic picnic at Cranwood park?

Then see the municipal monthly film. It's a strictly nonpartisan movie, backers say, tho it brings in Pete Witt's name a half dozen times.

Each night, three different movie houses exhibit the film, which is 1000 feet long.

Wednesday night the film will be at the Majestic, 1783 W. 25th-st; Fairyland, 1884 W. 25th-st; Gordon Square, Detroit-av and W. 65th-st.

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HARRY L. DAVIS			
RICHARD KOEPPEL			
MINER G. NORTON			
C. E. RUTHENBERG			
CHAS. P. SALEN			
PETER WITT			

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Note.—The names of the candidates will not appear in the order here shown on all the ballots. They appear in this order, which has no significance, because that happened to be the arrangement on the sample ballot reproduced. The charter provides for rotation of names. That is, the name of Mr. Davis, which here appears first, will be last on the next ballot, and so on.

DOWN WITH POETRY! CALL 'EM HARD NAMES



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By G. R. Davis

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Out there the Germans and the French are still deadlocked in a terrific struggle. Artillery roars hourly over the trenches.

A little to the rear of the present battle front, I spent three days roaming over the ground the French have gained in their drive.

SALEN USES 8-HOUR DAY PLEA IN TALKS

Declares He Favors Shorter Work Time for Police and Firemen.

PLAIN DEALER

Claims Credit as Father of Municipal Ownership Idea in U. S.

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Charles P. Salen declared himself in favor of an eight-hour day for policemen and firemen if feasible, last night at two hall and three home meetings he addressed. Attacking Candidate Peter Witt for his conduct of street railway affairs, Mr. Salen also declared for a minimum eight-hour day for car crews.

The candidate further took credit for himself for being the father of the municipal ownership idea, declaring he wrote the first pamphlet for municipal ownership which appeared in the United States, "somewhere along in '92 or '93."

Mr. Salen's municipal ownership views were brought out in answer to a question put to him at a meeting of the Fifth Ward Salen Nonpartisan club in a hall at 2818 W. 25th-st. Questions were frequent at this meeting, both friendly and unfriendly in tone.

"The Socialists are right in trying to force on the city municipal ownership of the street railway," said Mr. Salen. "I believe in the application of the principle under right direction; in fact, I believe it, probably the only solution of the utility question. But right direction means that bonds of the municipality owned utility must be a lien on the utility's property and not on the credit of the city."

Mr. Salen declared the city, in going into the lighting business should have "appropriated" the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co., but later withdrew this statement and said that the plant should have been "acquired." With the present municipal electric light plant, Mr. Salen charged, the city is not in a position to compete successfully with the illuminating company. Use of the competition plan, with small plants, he said, has done much to discredit the municipal ownership principle. Concluding the municipal ownership discussion Mr. Salen said, he does not believe the city is at present in proper financial condition to buy the Cleveland Railway Co.

Declaring the Democratic party has developed into an autocracy, Mr. Salen charged it with trying to dictate "how you people shall live," and he cited the prohibition of bars in social clubs as an example. He declared politics has been placed before efficienecy in city business, and said political preferment has more emphasis in the office of "this minister, Rev. Dr. Cooley," than in any governmental office in the United States.

Taking up the management of the street railway, Mr. Salen declared Mr. Witt and the railway company heads have forced 40 per cent. of the car crews to work on swing runs which, he said, net them but an average of three and one-half hours' employment a day. He pointed out the company recently appropriated $150,000 for betterment of working conditions, but stated the amount has since been decreased. He asked why the company didn't give the car crews in salary what it is planning to spend for them on comfort stations.

Mr. Salen closed his speeches by predicting his election.

NORTON SLAMS AT PROMISES OF WITT

PLAIN DEALER

Pronounces Smith Law Only Protection Against Unlimited Taxation.

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Says Rail Commissioner Let Company Boost Stock Issues.

Miner G. Norton took a shot at each of Peter Witt's platform planks at two of his five meetings last night, brought in the water rates question, and pronounced the Smith 1 per cent. tax law the only protection against unlimited taxation.

At the Indian club, in the Eighth ward, he was applauded when he said Peter Witt has done directly opposite what Tom Johnson started in the street car reform.

"Tom Johnson said, 'Squeeze out the water,' but Peter Witt says, 'Go ahead and issue all the stock you want to,'" said Mr. Norton. "Tom Johnson knew that the more stock we were paying 6 per cent. interest on, the more car fare we would have to pay."

After a reference to the city's financial condition and a shot at the suggestion of Harry L. Davis to include the county in the city to bring more revenue from taxation, Mr. Norton said the administration of the law, and not the law on taxation, is to blame.

"Since they have been permitted to transfer money at will, they have robbed every fund until they don't know which way to turn to find another dollar. They even dug into the waterworks fund, a fund which has been left sacredly untouched by other administrations because water rates were never meant for general taxes."

Taking an afternoon newspaper from his pocket, Mr. Norton produced a list he called planks from Witt's platform.

"Here is something really amusing. It's a joke, I think," he said. "'Rewrite the building code so as to encourage and not hamper building construction.' So he has just discovered there is something wrong with it. No one ever kicked about it until the Democrats rewrote it the last time.

"What has Pete got to do with the telephones now? He is going to rid Cleveland of the two-telephone nuisance. 'Repave the principal thoroughfares.' Before Mr. Witt was commissioner, the street car company paved sixteen feet of every street. Now it comes out of the taxes and it never gets done.

"We all would love to see that new Union station built. They have had the ground down there twenty years. It's funny the administration just discovered again it's time to build the depot."

Mr. Norton said he believes the county is almost bankrupt because it has been improving so heavily in the city.

WITT NAMED IN MUNICIPAL MOVIE

PRESS

Want to see the new filtration plant, high level bridge, Warrensville farm, Concon car shops, muny light plant or the donkey race at the democratic picnic at Cranwood park?

Then see the municipal monthly film. It's a strictly nonpartisan movie, backers say, tho it brings in Pete Witt's name a half dozen times.

Each night, three different movie houses exhibit the film, which is 1000 feet long.

Wednesday night the film will be at the Majestic, 1783 W. 25th-st; Fairyland, 1884 W. 25th-st; Gordon Square, Detroit-av and W. 65th-st.

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To vote for any candidate, make a cross (X) in the square in the appropriate column according to your choice, at the right of the name voted for.

Vote your first choice in the first column.

Vote your second choice in the second column.

Vote in the third column for all other candidates whom you wish to support.

Do not vote more than one first choice and one second choice for any one office.

Do not vote more than one choice for the same candidate, as only one choice will count for any one candidate.

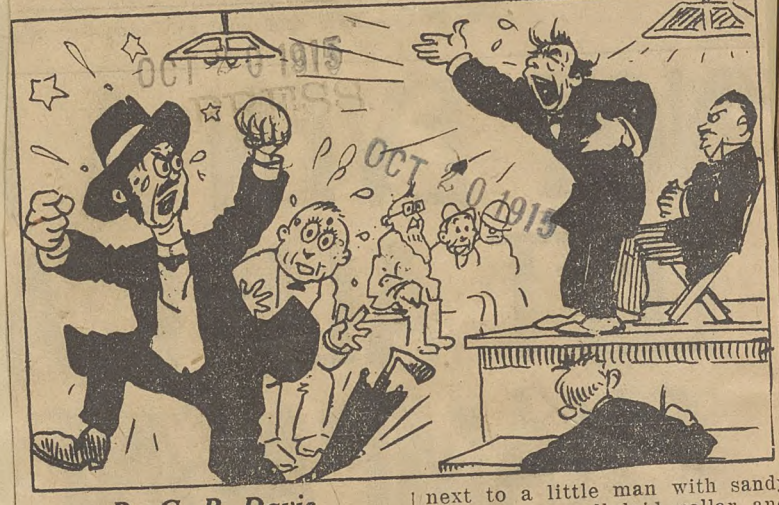
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FOR MAYOR (One to be elected)	First Choice	Second Choice	Other Choices
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RICHARD KOEPPEL			
MINER G. NORTON			
C. E. RUTHENBERG			
CHAS. P. SALEN			
PETER WITT			

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Note.—The names of the candidates will not appear in the order here shown on all the ballots. They appear in this order, which has no significance, because that happened to be the arrangement on the sample ballot reproduced. The charter provides for rotation of names. That is, the name of Mr. Davis, which here appears first, will be last on the next ballot, and so on.

DOWN WITH POETRY! CALL 'EM HARD NAMES



By G. R. Davis

Hubert B. Fuller, lawyer, historian, essayist and former secretary to Theodore Burton, deplores an attempt Tuesday to revive the custom of quoting poetry in behalf of candidates for mayor this fall in Cleveland.

Garlands of verse add grace to oratory. Once campaign orators could quote from the poets and win votes by pointing their arguments with words of wisdom from the philosophers of ancient Greece.

But now the popular demand, says Fuller, is for a vehement lashing of opposing candidates as "four-flushers," "sports," "nincompoops," "crooks," "yappers," "jaw-smiths," "ninny-hammers," "dandiprats" or "skunks."

Tuesday evening Fuller tucked his umbrella under his arm and sallied forth to hear the issues of the campaign discussed at a meeting in the East End.

Speaker Gets in Wrong.

He got a seat in the third row, next to a little man with sandy whiskers, a celluloid collar and a nervous habit of cracking his joints.

Up rose the first speaker of the evening.

"When the frost is on the pumpkin, and the fodder's in the shock," began this misguided orator. He was quoting from a well-known poem by the gifted Mr. Riley.

The little man with the celluloid collar stopped cracking his knuckles. He seemed to be choking. He ground his teeth, jammed his hat down over his ears and began climbing over Mr. Fuller's knees to get to the door.

"I didn't come here," he stuttered, "to listen to any (censored) idiot recite poetry. I could read that in a (censored) (censored) book. I came here to hear somebody take the (censored) hide off Peter Witt."

"And while he was getting out he stepped on my hat and broke the handle off my embrella," reports Fuller.

WITT FOR PENSION PACT, DAVIS PREDICTS VICTORY

Commissioner, While Against Service Plan, Favors Carrying Out of Contract.

Answers Hecklers on Firemen's Retirement Pay Question.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Peter Witt last night, explaining he personally did not believe in service pensions, declared himself nevertheless in favor of carrying out to the letter the contract between the policemen and firemen of Cleveland, and the city of Cleveland to retire men on pensions in both departments after twenty-five years of service.

Were it within his power, he said, and the state law did not stand in the way, he would advocate that men unfitted for further active service be not retired on a pension of $50 a month, but be continued at their salaries of $104 a month in work which they could do in other branches of the city government. He asserted families of men killed should be aided, and that men injured should be given more than they receive, not as charity, but as a "reward for faithful service."

He told his position first in the Democratic tent at Broadway and Forman-av S. E. when a questioner called, "How are you on firemen's pensions, old boy?" He repeated it later in Acme hall, 2416 E. 9th-st, where Councilman Jimmy McGinty's ninth ward rally was in progress and where the orchestra played, "He's a Devil in His Own Home Town," when Peter Witt stepped on the stage.

Crowd Cries 'Throw Him Out.'

He turned the tables on the hecker in the tent with his answer, and as the crowd applauded a man urged, "Take him up on the platform, Pete, where the rest can laugh at him," while others cried "Throw him out."

Davis hecklers were on the job again in the Democratic tent. Mr. Witt had just declared he would "carry forward" the affairs of the city, and cried, "If you want to go backward vote for Davis," when a cry of "Davis, Davis" went up from a group at the tent entrance, and several questions were called at once, one asking Mr. Witt about suffrage.

"Hullo, here's a plant," said Mr. Witt. "Every place I go," he told the crowd, "the opposition asks me questions that don't pertain to the campaign. Suffrage? Yes, I'm for it."

Then the questioner asked about firemen's pensions, and the candidate turned toward him.

"I do not believe in service pensions," he cried. "I never did. The city of Cleveland made a contract with the firemen and policemen that they shall retire on a pension after twenty-five years of service. I believe any man who joins the fire or police department and who meets with an accident ought to be taken care of better than the police pension does."

Mr. Witt again stated his stand at the hall, declaring he did so that there might be clear understanding of his attitude. He said other people wanted to work "until they're 70" to help pay the pensions of men who had retired, but that the city had a contract with the firemen and policemen, and he asserted:

"I am in favor of carrying out that contract to the letter."

At Acme hall a questioner called: "Are you going to let us open up on Sunday, Pete?"

"No," said Mr. Witt, "that question was settled for all time to come when the license law was introduced. If a man doesn't live up to it, he loses his license, and he's more interested in obeying the law than anyone else because his license is at stake."

In the tent Mr. Witt told of his administration of the street railway commissioner's office, and asserted the street car system and particularly the 1-cent pier line had advertised Cleveland as no other city ever was advertised. He said fare never would be higher than at present, and that it would soon be lower again. He talked taxation reform.

He told Davis hecklers they'd "better save their strength," calling to them, "you'll need all your strength and your wind to pull up salt creek on Nov. 3, for the current's going to be awful strong against you."

He spoke of attacks of the opposition as his justification for talking street cars, said the campaign was "Witt against the field," and stood squarely on his record as commissioner with the declaration:

"The progress we've made in the railroad should be the measure of the fitness of the commissioner to be your mayor."

Mr. Witt told the Acme hall crowd he wanted only Republicans at his debate with Miner G. Norton tonight in the Grays armory and at his debate Saturday night with Harry L. Davis. A man cried, "Make Democrats of 'em, Pete" and the commissioner replied, "Sure, that's why I'm telling you."

Candidate Says 'I Get 1,000 Votes Each Time My Opponent Opens Mouth.'

Asserts There's No Dissention in Republicans' Ranks Now.

"Victory stares us in the face. Every night I go home smiling. Every time my opponent opens his mouth he makes me a thousand votes."

That's the way Harry L. Davis feels about his campaign for mayor. That's the way he expressed it to 200 Twelfth ward voters at a meeting at 1604 Scovill-av S. E. last night.

Mr. Davis pleaded to his hearers to get out and work hard for him during the next two weeks, that he might be successful at the election.

"That's what I am doing," he said. "This morning at 9 o'clock a delegation met me at my house. At 10 o'clock I was downtown at a conference of my supporters; at 11:15 I was on my way to a shop meeting to talk to the working men; at 12:30 I was at luncheon with business agents of the Building Trades council where I was indorsed for mayor; all afternoon I put in with workers of my organization; before I came here I was at a meeting of structural iron workers and now I am here.

"That's the way I am putting in my time and I am doing all this work because I know I am going to win. This is the year of victory."

Cries of "Atta boy, Harry" met every remark.

Mr. Davis said there is no dissension in the ranks of the Republican voters of Cleveland now.

Sees Republicans All for Him.

"There may have been a month ago," he said, "but there is none now. They are all for me for mayor.

"If the present administration had been turned out two years ago we would not be called upon this year to vote for a bond issue of $1,500,000 to pay up a deficit in the operating expenses of the city.

"If you ask them for any little improvement they will tell you they haven't the funds. But let's ask them why did they pay a bonus of $60,000 to a contracting firm for completing a job long before it was needed. Why did they turn down the Connelly Boiler Co. of Cleveland that employs Cleveland labor and give a contract for two boilers to an outside concern? I am in favor of giving these contracts to Cleveland companies, even if their bids are a little higher, so that Cleveland labor will be employed and the money thus expended will be kept in Cleveland. Let's vote this gang that is wasting your money out of office."

Mr. Davis last night temporarily abandoned his position of taking no stand for candidates for the city council and asked the Twelfth ward men to re-elect Alex Bernstein.

"I have always maintained," he said, "that no matter whom you sent to the city council, if he was not satisfactory you could have him recalled. But in this particular ward I want to say a few words for a Republican who is a candidate for council. You will make a serious mistake if you do not send Alex Bernstein back to the council. His word is as good as his bond and he can be trusted."

Before Mr. Davis reached the meeting Attorney H. G. Schaibly said a few words in his behalf. Mr. Schaibly said he "only wished Dan R. Hanna was back of Mr. Davis this year."

"To show you the inconsistencies of Peter Witt," said Mr. Schaibly, "listen to this. Some time ago he said Mr. Norton was a McKisson candidate, Mr. Salen was a Willis candidate, and that Harry L. Davis was a Dan R. Hanna candidate. Now he says Charles P. Salen is the Dan R. Hanna candidate. If I were running for office I would be proud to have Dan R. Hanna supporting me. If I am not mistaken he is just as good a man as his father, who was the friend and adviser of two presidents. Mr. Hanna is not supporting Mr. Davis, I only wish he were. Mr. Hanna owns two Republican newspapers and neither is supporting Mr. Davis. I only wish they were."

Candidate Davis was rather late getting to his meeting and before he arrived the session was transformed into a free-for-all speechmaking event. Among the candidates who spoke were Joseph L. Spitz, Thomas E. Greene, F. W. Poulson and F. S. Day, candidates for the four-year term on the municipal bench, and George P. Baer, Theodore B. Greene and John G. Murphy, candidates for the six year term.

John Redd, one of the Republican leaders in the Twelfth ward, was chairman of the meeting.

SAYS HE'LL SHOCK WITH REVELATIONS

Salen Hints He Will Amaze by Extravagance Figures at Tuesday Rally.

Declares City Hired Most Colored Men When He Was Director.

Twice last night Candidate Charles P. Salen stated that on Tuesday night he will shock Clevelanders when he throws on a screen at his tent meeting, St. Clair-av N. E. and E. 138th-st, the list of alleged extravagances on the part of the present administration which he has been promising the past ten days.

"In my judgment," he said, "there have been enormous wastes. Wait till Tuesday night and learn where some of your money has gone."

Whatever discomfiture Mr. Salen suffered in his first meeting last night at Lorain-av and W. 47th-st, "his own" West Side, where he addressed fifty-eight men and three women, while just across the hall Candidate Harry L. Davis had at least four times the number, vanished when Mr. Salen reached his second meeting.

Royal hall, 5217 Woodland-av S. E., was packed with at least 500 men, most of whom gathered before his arrival, drawn by a parade headed by a brass band.

"This outpouring," he said smiling, "is an evidence that the twelfth ward is ready to overthrow the shackles of bossism."

Mr. Salen censured the city's paving policies; the administration's running of Warrensville; the way Gus Hanna ran his Street Cleaners baseball team a year ago and the business policy of the municipal heating plant.

Talking machine politics he said:

"They never give the real good jobs to Clevelanders. There was a notable example when they sent to Montreal for a recreation commissioner when all the great recreation movements begin right here in Cleveland."

A heckler at the East Side meeting asked: "Did you ever employ a colored man when you were at city hall?"

The reply was:

"My dear sir, there were more colored men hired by the city when I was director of public works than at any other time in the history of Cleveland."

Virgil G. Marani, Salen aid, was again on the platform. He stated that "three gentlemen and Peter Witt" were running for office. He said the late Tom L. Johnson was a "grampus, the brother-in-law of a whale and a porpoise" and that Mayor Newton D. Baker, Collector of Customs Burr Gongwer and Peter Witt are the "suckers" who are going to bring the memory of the "grampus" to an untimely end.



On the Trail of the Mayoralty Candidates.

PETE AND MINER TO WEAR BATTLE ARMOR TONIGHT

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Candidates to Engage in Second Debate of Campaign at Grays Armory.

PRESS

Pete Witt and Miner Norton will engage in their second debate in their mayoralty campaign at Grays armory, Bolivar-rd and Prospect-av, Wednesday night.

Both Witt and Norton Wednesday promised to wear their battle armor. The duel starts at 8 p. m.

Norton said he'd attack Witt's record as tractioner.

"I'll let my record as tractioner be the measure of my fitness for mayor," replied Witt.

Norton also said he'd tell how he'd give the city a real "business administration." Witt said he'd tell what kind of a "business administration" Norton would be able to give.

"I'm hopeful Norton will be able to answer the questions I put to him at our last meeting," said Witt.

Expects to Answer 'Em.

"I expect to answer them," answered Norton.

Norton said he'd be glad to continue the debates until election day.

He also denied rumors he was about to say he is for the "drys."

"This is a municipal campaign and I won't drag in any state issues like that," said Norton.

Witt Likes Hecklers.

Witt's supporters are pleased at the manner in which he disposed of "hecklers" who, Pete says, were "planted" in his tent meetings at Broadway and Forman-av, and at Acme hall Monday night. Pete said he liked to have hecklers in his tents to "rile him up."

When Witt entered Acme hall someone shouted: "Going to open the saloons on Sunday?"

"That question has been settled by the state liquor license law," Pete replied.

Speaking of ex-Mayor Baehr, Witt said: "She made a good bartender, but a poor mayor."

Other hot shots Pete delivered were:

"If Sam Scovil will agree to sell light at 3 cents he can keep his plant. If not, it's going on the junk heap.

"Are Milking Cleveland."

"The state and county are milking Cleveland of $1,400,000 a year.

"Tom Johnson changed this town from a village to a city. I want to carry it forward still more.

"In building up the best street car system in the world we've had the undivided opposition of the republican minority, led by Gen. FitzGerald."

"Sport" Salen addressed two meetings, one at 3225 Central-av, the other at 2818 W. 25th-st. He failed to point out where Cleveland's "Monte Carlo" is located, as Mayor Baker demanded, after Salen made the charge such a place existed.

At the Central-av meeting S. Woods, chairman, introduced Salen in verse, which included a stanza to the effect that "when Salen is mayor there won't be so much foam on the beer."

After the meeting Salen took his audience to "Starlight" Boyd's bar and "set 'em up."

Salen again found fault with The Press' cartoon depicting him as a "sport." He said that, as mayor, he intends to form a boxing commission.

"Press Slurring People."

Salen was preceded at both meetings by W. J. Whitehead, who said:

"The Penny Press is getting down to business. It's slurring people. It's taking a prominent part in this campaign. Why? McDermott, one of the democratic leaders, told me The Press had shoved Witt down the organization's throat.

"The Cleveland railway stockholders want to unload the company on the citizens. The railway money is in The Press, and its backing Pete so he will unload the property. Witt, too, is a stockholder in the company."

Harry Davis, speaking at the wigwam, 1604 Scovil-av, said, "Every time my opponent opens his mouth he makes me a thousand votes." He branded Witt's plan to force telephone companies to interchange service as "bunk."

Miner Norton, in a meeting at 1433 W. 57th-st, said: "The county has been lending money to the city until both are practically bankrupt."

"Pete's talk about reforming tax laws is foolish," he continued. "Witt knows the tax laws are made in Columbus—not in Cleveland."

Witt talked to law students at Reserve Wednesday morning. He talked municipal ownership and gave the students advice for starting out in the world.

Davis addressed the John Hay club at noon at Schuster's restaurant.

WITT HAS CHANGED SO, SAYS NORTON

OCT 2 LEADER

Miner G. Norton, mayoralty candidate, addressing a meeting of the Norton Third Ward Club, at McNess hall, 6701 Madison ave., last night, said that before Peter Witt became a candidate for mayor he was demanding that the people should rule, but that Witt now thinks that all power should be lodged with the mayor.

Norton declared at the same meeting that citizens of the West Side are not receiving their just share in the way of street improvements. He promised better conditions in the event of his election as mayor.

At a meeting of the Lincoln Heights Club, at Tabel's hall, 2670 W. 14th st., Norton claimed the credit for having made the fight before the legislature, and later before the supreme court of the United States, to establish Cleveland's title to the lands on the lake front now proposed to be used for the new union depot. Up to that time, he said the state had claimed title to that portion of the land which many years previous had been laid out for streets by the city but not improved.

He said that all of the so-called big improvements for which the present city administration claims credit were conceived and started when he was city solicitor.

In an address to the Young Men's Colored Republican Club at Ideal hall, 2400 Central ave., last night, Norton promised that if elected mayor there would be no discrimination on account of race or color.

Plans for a mass meeting, to be held in Stocke's hall, 6021 St. Clair ave. Tuesday evening, were completed at a meeting of the Twenty-third Ward Miner G. Norton Club in the Society for Savings building, last night. Harry G. Lingdenfelder was the speaker.

WITT ATTACKS CITY PENSIONS; HITS HECKLERS

Scores Police and Fire System and Tilts With Crowd.

DAVIS IS CONFIDENT

LEADER

Says Rivals Will Elect Him ---Norton Puts Fare Boost on Witt.

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Opposition to the present plan of pensioning police and firemen was voiced by Peter Witt, administration candidate for mayor, at two meetings last night. Witt proposed that members of the two forces be detailed to other work when no longer able to perform police and fire department duties.

Volleys of questions were fired at Witt when he spoke at Broadway and Forman ave. He was interrupted several times at a later meeting at Acme hall at E. 9th st. Witt charged that the hecklers had been "planted" there by opposing candidates.

Davis Is Confident.

Harry L. Davis at his night meetings asserted his confidence in his election and declared that every time one of his opponents opened his mouth he made a thousand votes for him (Davis).

Earlier in the day, at a noon meeting, Davis was indorsed by the business agents of twenty-eight unions affiliated with the Building Trades' Council. He promised he would appoint a union man to his cabinet if elected.

Miner G. Norton last night charged that the penny transfer charge is due to Witt's extravagance as traction commissioner. He opposed Davis' proposition that the city and county governments be united.

Charles P. Salen charged that Witt and traction officials have so arranged the schedules that traction employees' wages are kept down and working hours bad.

Replies to Heckler.

Witt's announcement on pensions was in response to a question from the audience.

"I don't believe in a service pension," he replied. "I never did. "However, the city has made a contract with members of the police and fire departments. No man ought to interfere."

"You are one of those funny guys," said Witt, when his questioner continued. "You stand there with a supercilious smile. But I will answer you, although you don't want to hear.

"There is no reason why a man who joined the department at twenty-one should be allowed to retire at forty-six while others work until they are seventy to pay his pension.

"If he is injured in the service his family should be paid more than the present pension. When he becomes to old to tramp a beat or climb a ladder he should be assigned to some other work. I would choose sanitary offficers from men who have served on the police force for twenty-five years. The man who is too old to climb a scaling ladder would make a bridge captain.

Cheers for Davis.

"How about woman suffrage?" came a question from another part of the tent.

"That's only a plant," retorted Witt.

"You want to ask me about things not pertinent to the campaign. I am for woman suffrage, though.

Cries of "Davis" greeted Witt's announcement that he proposed to debate Harry L. Davis, another mayoralty candidate Saturday night.

"He'll skin you, Pete," said another voice.

No Open Sunday.

"Well, Harry has a few friends here," shot back Witt. "They are more numerous than elsewhere. You had better conserve your energy, though, and prepare for his defeat."

The Acme hall meeting was arranged by Councilman McGinty. The big hall was crowded with ninth ward party workers.

An orchestra played "He's a Devil in His Own Home Town" as Witt entered the hall.

Beer was served during the evening.

"Are you going to allow us to open on Sunday?" asked someone in the audience.

"No," said Witt. "That question was settled for all time when the liquor license law went into effect."

"How about the filtration plant?" interjected a man at the rear of the hall later.

"You ought not to worry about a filtration plant," Witt answered. "The stuff you have been drinking has been filtered."

Witt urged approval of the $1,500,000 deficiency bond and $1,600,000 grade crossing bond ssues.

To War on Light.

He again promised to campaign for bond issue to duplicate the Illuminating company's lighting system, nless the private plant met the city's hree-cent rate.

"If Samuel Scovil accepts the city's erms he can keep his plant. Otherwise it will go on the junk heap," said the speaker.

Witt at both meetings advertised his debate with Miner G. Norton tonight and his Saturday night discussion with Harry L. Davis. He said, though, that he did not want anyone but Republicans to come to these meetings.

Witt said that he had tried to keep the operation of the Cleveland Railway Company from becoming a campaign issue, but that it had been brought in by opposing candidates.

"The progress made by the railway company should be the measure of the fitness of the commissioner for mayor," he said.

Director of Finance Coughlin was the other speaker at the tent meeting. Congressman Gordon, Councilman McGinty and David Moylan, candidate for municipal judge, were among the speakers at the Acme hall meeting.

Gordon eulogized Witt as the "most honest man in politics."

"By honest I don't mean simply that he doesn't steal," said the congressman. "Not many of us would do that. He is intellectually honest. He'll tell you where he stands on anything from religion to I don't know what."

Gordon advised voters to "vote for Witt and let it go at that," so far as mayoralty candidates were concerned.

DAVIS SAYS NAUGHT WILL STOP DEBATE

Asserts 'I'll Meet Witt Saturday if They Have to Carry Me to Tent.'

PLAIN DEALER

Charges Opponents 'Throwing People's Money in Gutter.'

OCT 1915

Candidate Harry L. Davis is going to be on hand to debate Candidate Peter Witt Saturday night. For this event Mr. Davis is conserving some of his campaign material. Then, he says, he is going to let loose, and all next week will bombard Candidate Witt with new arguments, closing his campaign Monday night, Nov. 1, with a big tent meeting in the Newburg section.

In answer to a quip in an afternoon paper, suggesting a place where Mr. Davis might contract a cold or tonsilitis before Saturday night, Mr. Davis said:

"I think if they knew of such a place and could get me there they would have had me there before now, because they are none too anxious for me to have my voice in good condition Saturday night. Maybe that's why Peter has missed so many meetings. Probably they steered him there. I'll be at the tent Saturday night if they have to carry me there, and my voice will be in pretty good trim."

This is what he told an audience in a hall at a meeting of the Fourth Ward Republican club at Lorain-av and W. 47th-st.

Hall meetings will be discontinued by Mr. Davis this week and every evening next week he will speak at tent meetings, promising new arguments for every night.

Arguing that the issue of the campaign is "shall the next mayor of Cleveland live within his means?" Mr. Davis said:

"If the next mayor of Cleveland is the choice of the present mayor and attempts concealing and hiding things that are going on at the city hall he will find he has a difficult job. He can't do it. They can't keep on throwing the people's money in the gutter and not giving them the things they are entitled to."

Repeating his opposition to the Barber subway grant, he said he would not give a franchise to any person who would not be willing to give a sufficient guarantee that he'll go through with the bargain.

At a meeting at E. 57th-st and Hosmer-av S. E., in discussing the grant, Mr. Davis said:

"Mr. Barber hasn't sufficient confidence in his proposition and doesn't feel sure enough of putting it over to spend $400 or $500 for a bond. Wake up to this thing. We've had enough put over on us already and we should demand the guarantee."

He also spoke against the $1,500,000 emergency revenue bond issue and said he knew from his experience as city treasurer that money could be saved at the city hall. In discussing the $60,000 bonus given on filtration plant work he said the administration was practically "taking money from your pocket and from mine and throwing it into the gutter."

At the Hosmer-av S. E. meeting, Mr. Davis was greeted by a band and a bugle and drum corps. At both meetings last night the halls were too small for the crowds and scores had to stand up..

Candidate for the municipal bench seem to be on the increase at meetings of mayoralty candidates. A number spoke at both of Mr. Davis' meetings last night.

'For or Against Me?' Candidate Davis Asks

Harry L. Davis, Republican candidate for mayor, told members of the John Hay club in appealing for their support yesterday that it is their duty to take a definite stand on the question of his candidacy.

"If you are not going to come out you ought to disband," he said.

The meeting was closed by President Monroe Curtis without a call for a vote on indorsement of any candidate.

The address took place after a noon day luncheon at Schuster's restaurant on E. 12th-st. There were about sixty present.

"Some of the members of this club say openly they are for Witt," said Candidate Davis. "Others are neutral. As a club that pretends to be for good government you ought to take some definite stand. A vote for any candidacy than my own will help Pete Witt. I am for the men who say they are for or against me now. There are men here who say they are against me and I honor them for it. When I am mayor, men who are not for me will be crowding to the city hall saying they were for me."

In closing the meeting President Curtis declared that all the members of the club, whether they were for or against Mr. Davis, were grateful to him for his efforts as a member of the organization.

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"Sport" Salen Wednesday night elaborated on his definition of a "sport." Salen previously had said a "sport was a good fellow."

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"The Cleveland Press has dignified me with the title of 'Sport Salen.' The title comes a little late; I've got gray hair.

"If The Press thinks it's going to discourage my interest in athletic sports, it's mightily mistaken.

"There are lots of worse titles than 'Sport.' A 'sport's' a live wire—never a dead one. And a real 'sport' never wears petticoats."

Salen divided his two addresses into attacking the city administration, Peter Witt and The Press.

"I'm done with The Press, but it isn't done with me," Salen said. "There's a difference between The Press and myself. The difference is that The Press' interest in sport is mercenary. The Press has done many good things, and has championed many good causes, but now it's boosting only what it believes to be to its interest."

Salen, before going to Royal hall, addressed members of the West-side civic association, Lorain-av and W. 47th-st.

While the audience was leaving Royal hall handbills were passed to the crowd attacking Salen. The handbills were labeled, "How Charlie Salen stood by the Hucksters." They accused Salen, while director of public works under Mayor Johnson, with urging the passage of an ordinance to compel hucksters to pay $50 license fee a year.

Mayor Johnson vetoed the ordinance.

Salen then held a meeting on the curb and said the circular was false.



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While it is regrettable that any city should have to issue bonds to pay debts, there can be no doubt as to the advisability of doing so in the present instance. The plan of meeting the deficiency by the issuing of notes payable in six months, as has been proposed by some, is not as satisfactory a plan as a bond issue. While the rate of interest might be low at the time the notes were issued, it might also be high at the time of renewal. The notes are a sort of gamble which might save the city money, or, what is more likely, might cost the city money. The interest on a bond is fixed, remaining the same thruout its life.

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In what way?

It is proposing a constitutional amendment that would prevent the people from voting as often as they might want to on public questions.

What would be the result if the amendment should carry?

Here is the way it would work out: The proposed amendment provides that amendments to the constitution shall not be submitted oftener than once in six years, if they contain any part of a measure twice rejected since September, 1912. This would enable the enemies of the initiative and referendum to render it inoperative.

How's that?

Well, let's take a simple illustration.

Supposing that at some future time public officers should become so grossly inefficient and extravagant that the people should clamor for a recall law, so that they might oust these officers.

Well, these inefficient and extravagant officials could submit, thru the initiative and referendum, a recall law—the very thing for which the public had been clamoring.

But——

Supposing, tho, the officials added to the proposed amendment something like this:

"But any officer so recalled under the terms of this provision shall draw full salary for the full term to which he was elected to such office and no deductions of any kind shall be made from any profits he would have received from such office had he not been recalled."

The people, of course, would vote the amendment down. The officers again could submit the question in objectionable form. Again the people would vote it down.

But in voting against the bad provisions of the proposed amendment the people likewise would be compelled to vote against the good provision—the clause providing for the recall.

Thereby they would surrender their rights again to vote on the question for six years. For the amendment to be voted on Nov. 2, as proposed by the constitutional stability league, provides that once a question has been twice defeated it cannot again be voted on for six years. At the end of six years the same process could be gone thru. And thus, indefinitely, might the will of the people be thwarted.

Here's the way the proposed amendment will appear on the ballot in the November election:

"Article XVI, section 4: To limit elections on twice defeated constitutional proposals and to prevent the abuse of the initiative and referendum."

Don't be misled by the phrase "abuse of the initiative and referendum." The initiative and referendum is not being abused in Ohio.

But the rights of the people will be abused if they don't vote NO on the proposal.

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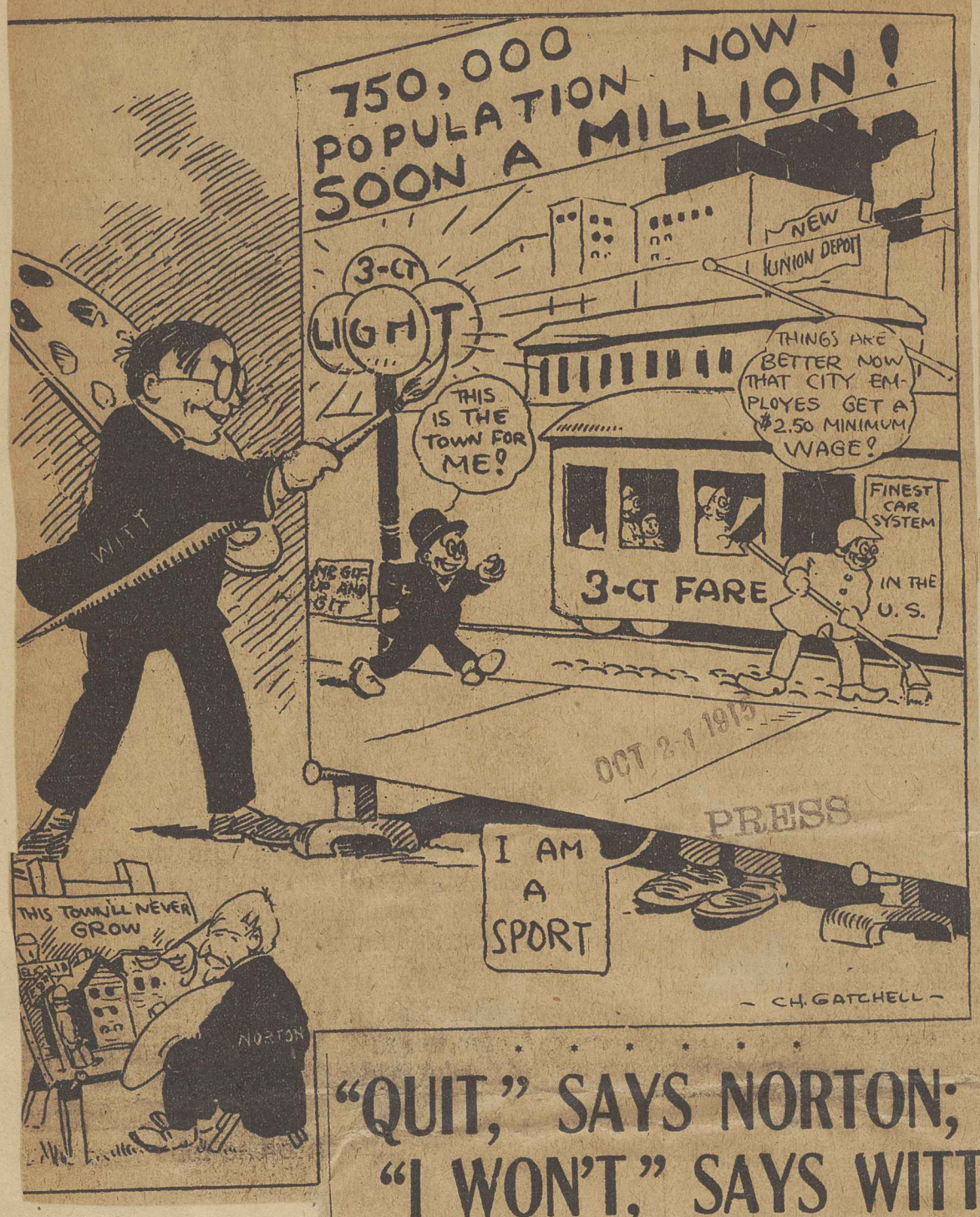
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"Pete said he'd quit if I showed him the Concon didn't have to pay for repaving streets," said Miner. "The Tayler grant, in section 7, proves this."

Witt said he wasn't going to withdraw.

"Poor Miner, he can't understand the Tayler grant," said Witt. "In the last three years we have repaved 85 miles and the Concon has paid for 83½ miles of this. Does that look as tho the company didn't have to pay for its paving?"

3500 Attend Debate.

A crowd of over 3500 jammed the armory to hear the verbal duel.

"Money to reconstruct Central viaduct shouldn't have been raised by a bond issue," said Norton.

"The bridge was rebuilt into a high level bridge," replied Witt. "The people of 1912 shouldn't pay all the cost for something the next generation will use."

"Waste!" Cries Miner.

"They've spent $1,755,000 to purify the river with sewage disposal plants. They've wasted money by building three plants instead of one. The filtration plant won't free the water from germs at all?" cried Norton.

"Norton lives in the past, when Cleveland was a village. He thinks one disposal plant is enough. He says the filtration plant opening is indefinite. I tell you it will take place within a few months, and Norton, as a 'dry,' will have good water to drink," shot back Witt.

"Looking Forward."

"Witt has built car shops that we can't use for years" said Norton.

"Norton's looking backward," came Witt's response. "I'm always looking ahead into the future. I think this city is destined to be one of the greatest cities in the world."

"No Longer a Village."

"In my day, 18 years ago, we sold bonds at 3.13 per cent interest, we planned for one big sewage disposal plant and we bought land for $5000 for a pumping station," said Norton.

"Poor Miner, he can't forget the days when he held office here, the days when Cleveland was a village and the officials thought as villagers," replied Witt.

"Norton's day is gone. This is now a city of nearly 750,000 people, destined soon to have a 1,000,000 population.

"The filtration plant wall is cracked over 200 feet," said Norton.

"Wrong, it's cracked 900 feet," replied Witt.

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"Democrats have been following Witt's tip that he'd like to have only republicans at the debate so that he can convert them," said Brannon.

Both Men Are Hoarse.

Physicians were doctoring the hoarse throats of both Witt and Davis Saturday. Both said they'd be ready.

Judge Fielder Sanders is to preside at the debate, to start at 8:30 p. m. Witt will lead with 30 minutes and Davis will follow. Then each man has a 15-minute rebuttal.

Witt's attack of laryngitis, which kept him in bed Friday night, let Congressmen Crosser and Gordon make their first appearance of this campaign in the tent.

"Witt Is Sincere."

"I've known Witt for 12 years," said Crosser. "I know that he's sincere. He stands for fundamental taxation reform and extension of the muny 3-cent light plant, two issues in themselves sufficient to elect him."

"I'm for Pete because he stands for the same things that Tom L.

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CAMPAIGN SIDELIGHTS

W. C. Mangan, secretary of the League of Republican Clubs, is out for Miner G. Norton for mayor. Mr. Mangan has made clear his position after standing apart from all factions until it appeared all hope of clearing the Republican field for one candidate was gone.

It was announced yesterday Mangan is preparing to open headquarters to push the work of precinct organization for Candidate Norton.

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"Win With Witt for Witt Will Win" is the alliterative suggestion of Peter Witt posters to be displayed conspicuously through the city.

Leaders in the Witt mayoralty campaign were preparing the banners yesterday. They probably will make their appearance today.

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Here is a wholesale debate challenge, issued by C. E. Ruthenberg, Socialist candidate for mayor, to Peter Witt, Harry L. Davis, Miner G. Norton and Charles P. Salen:

"You are collectively and individually supporters of the present system of exploitation and class government," says the letter. "The representatives of your parties, whether they have secured office as Republicans or Democrats, or masquerading as nonpartisans, have used their political power against the workers in their industrial struggle in the nation at large and locally. They have used the resources of the community for the benefit of the capitalist class they represent. They have shown in their treatment of the employes of the city their anti-working class attitude.

"I charge that whether one or the other of you is elected mayor, the city government will be dominated by the same anti-working class attitude, and challenge you individually and collectively to meet this charge in public debate on the question, 'Resolved, that the interests of the working people of Cleveland will not be advanced by the election of either Peter Witt, Harry L. Davis, Miner G. Norton or Charles P. Salen, as mayor.'"

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Another Socialist challenge:

John G. Willert, Socialist candidate for council in Ward 2, has issued a challenge to his five opponents to debate issues of the campaign at any time and place in the ward. Personal challenges have been sent to these candidates: Councilman R. J. Koch, Charles Dickerson, J. F. Tomasek, J. J. Gunning, Raymond F. Body.

The Socialist campaign committee of the second ward, of which August Altenbernd, 6521 Gordon-ct S. W., is chairman, yesterday asked to hear from the men challenged.

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Board of elections offices, city hall, will be open Saturday, Oct. 30, from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. and Monday, Nov. 1, from 9 a. m. to 6:30 p. m. for electors who were out of town or for other excusable reasons missed registration on the regular days.

These electors will have to obtain written permission from the board in the hours mentioned to be allowed to register Nov. 1, when the booths will be open from 3:30 p. m. to 6:30 p. m. to issue transfers and grant original registration to those who have the consent of the board.

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J. B. Vining, formerly city commissioner of charities and correction, spoke for Peter Witt in Public square yesterday noon. He's going to repeat his efforts and there is a side attraction to the Vining speeches. Every day Mr. Vining carries a half bushel basket of apples to the square with him to distribute to those who hear him talk.

A Word About Pete Witt

"LET my record as tractioner be the measure of my fitness for mayor."

That's what Pete Witt is telling his audiences.

When Witt became tractioner, he found the cars so crowded that even in winter the doors couldn't be closed because of passengers jammed to the edge of the steps.

He found the railway company's power so weak that car riders couldn't read their newspapers by the light in them. There were frequent tieups due to inadequate equipment.

In short, Witt took an inferior street railway system and in less than four years made it into the best in the country.

Here are some of the things Witt has done:

Added 683 new cars.
Built the E. 79th-st crosstown line.
Extended the W. 65th-st line down to Edgewater park.
Speeded up schedules.
Inaugurated alternate stop scheme.
Revamped schedules so as to give better service when it was needed in the rush hours.
Built factory loops so that workingmen might have seats on their way home.
Put street car tracks in millionaire row.
Helped negotiate the cheapest power contract in the country.
Improved the company's power system.
Built the Harvard-Denison crosstown line, saving car riders an hour in crossing the city.
Made Gordon and Garfield parks accessible by having car lines extended into them.
Started the only 1-cent car line in the world, the E. Ninth-st pier line.
Designed special types of cars for the comfort and convenience of patrons.
Put the pay-enter and pay-leave schemes in operation.
Took some of the lines out of the Public square to make better service.
Built the new Concon car shops, the finest in the country, at a cost of $1,250,000, and built two new operating stations.
Replaced 55 miles of track with new heavy T-rail type track.
Extended the Union-av, St. Clair-av, Buckeye-rd, Woodland-av, W. 73d-st and W. 71st lines many miles and constructed the new Warner-rd line.

Witt has made a record as tractioner. The Press believes he'd make a record as mayor.

FRAME-UP, IS DAVIS' CHARGE TO NORTON ON QUESTIONS LIST

Plot Seen by Candidate Wher Opponent Appears at Meet Prepared to Answer Queries by Club.

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NORTON IS INTRODUCED AS NEXT MAYOR OF CITY

Rivals' Appearance at Meet is Followed by Hot Time in Hall.

Harry L. Davis charged he had been dragged into a "frame-up" and that Miner G. Norton had reinforced himself with advance preparation when each of the two candidates was asked to answer a list of three questions last night before the Northeastern Progressive Republican club at E. 72d-st and St. Clair-av N. E.

Club officials said the questions had been sent of the office of each candidate prior to the meeting.

Mr. Davis asserted men who were for him two years ago and are not with him in this campaign either hid then or are lying now. He clashed with club officials as to the questions, but declared he would answer them. As he was leaving the hall the chairman, Jonathan Evans, introduced Candidate Norton as "the next mayor."

Calls Situation Unfair.

"I received no invitation to speak on these three questions," cried Mr. Davis as he held before him the list which had been submitted by the club. "You can see how unfair this is when I am to be followed by one who has gone into these questions and is prepared to speak on them.

"The men on this platform and you, gentlemen, endorsed me two years ago as the best man for the office of mayor. You lied then when you told me I was the best man, or if you didn't lie then, you are lying now if you fail to support me."

"Just a minute, Mr. Davis," challenged one of the audience later, as Mr. Davis was leaving. "Do you mean to say all the people of Cleveland who supported you two years ago and are not supporting you now are liars?"

"If you say one thing today and another thing tomorrow, it is a lie. If I was the best man then for mayor, I am now," declared Mr. Davis.

"Do you mean to say that you are the best man in the city of Cleveland or the United States for the office?" asked the man in the audience. "Isn't there a possibility of a change in mind among the voters?"

"I don't claim to be the best man in the country, but you said I was two years ago," shouted back Davis. "You can't lie to the public and get away with it. You, you," he went on, pointing his finger. "You told me three weeks ago that you were for me, and now you are against me!"

"I want to protest against the charge that Mr. Davis did not receive an invitation to discuss these questions before this club," said Secretary Thomas Donkin. "I, myself, took the list of questions to your office and gave them to your secretary."

"Was I there?" asked Mr. Davis.

Says Secretary Was There.

"No; your secretary was, though," was the reply.

These are the questions:

How would you run the city government so as to meet current expenses without increasing taxation or issuing bonds?

Do you feel that the filtration and chlorinization of city water as adopted by the present administration will afford a sufficiently pure water supply for the people of Cleveland?

If not, what course would you adopt to procure pure water."

Mr. Davis said in the first place he would not vote for a bond issue to cover deficits. He declared the bonds would be issued at 4 to 4 1-2 per cent., while on short time notes money could be borrowed from the Federal Reserve bank at 3 per cent. He declared he also would go from "top to bottom" to cut out "waste and extravagance" as a means of saving money if he were mayor.

To the second question Mr. Davis replied:

"I was the one who started the move for pure water two years ago. I am for extension of the filtration plants for the protection of the people of the city."

Mr. Davis left before Mr. Norton spoke.

"I don't like to see a man kick on a square deal," was Chairman Evans' comment on Mr. Davis' statements as he presented Mr. Norton.

The only reference Mr. Norton made to Mr. Davis was to term "an absurdity" the Davis suggestion to borrow money on short time notes. He answered the first question by saying:

"If you haven't got the money, don't spend it. It's the manner of spending money here that is the trouble. It is not the lack of money."

Mr. Norton referred to the contract for the filtration plant as an example, he said, of waste.

To the last questions Mr. Norton replied he favored filtration, but that now is not the time for it.

"It's time to stop pollution first," he said. "The last plan adopted by the city calls for three sewage disposal plants and sewage will be dumped at the very point where it will be drawn into the intake pipes. Filtration will not kill the germs."

DEMANDS WITT QUIT RACE, AS HE PROMISED

Norton Claims Proof Tayler Grant Puts Paving Burden on Taxpayer.

CITES SECTION HE HAD QUOTED AT DEBATE

NEWS

Sidlo Defends Witt Stand and Shows Company Does Pay Sometimes.

OCT 21 1915

Miner G. Norton Thursday mad formal demand that Tractioner Wit withdraw from the mayoralty rac and live up to a promise made Wed nesday night in Grays' armory wher Norton and Witt debated. Norto charged that the burden of pavin between the street railway tracks ha been shifted from the street railwa company to the taxpayers throug provisions in the Tayler grant. Wit denied this and declared that i Norton could prove his charge h would withdraw.

Thursday Norton cited Section 7 o the Tayler grant as his proof. This section says:

"The company shall maintain i constant repair the pavement with in a space of seven feet for singl track, and for double track the en tire space between the outer rails o both its tracks—but the company shall not be required to repave by virtue of any requirement of the general ordinances of the city of Cleveland during this grant."

"This section," Norton said Thursday, "specifically states that the railway company shall not pay fo repaving. In effect it means that as long as the railway company can repair the space between its rails by laying a few blocks here and there it shall pay the cost of this work but the moment it becomes necessary to repave the entire strip—when it is beyond repair—the cost of this work shall be borne by the city.

Sidlo Defends Witt.

At city hall Thursday Service Director Sidlo, former secretary to Witt, offered a defense of Witt, bu made no explanation of why "ar agreement" between the city and railway company was allowed to replace a section of the Tayler gran adopted by vote of the people. Sidl declared that under an agreemen the railway company paid for pave ment it "initiated," but that when the city wanted to do the paving i paid for work done between rail way tracks. Here is Sidlo's defense

"Residents of 'millionaires' row must pay for the paving in the devilstrip and between the tracks which the Cleveland Railway Company laid two months ago in front of their homes because the city, just prior to the track laying, began publishing repaving notices.

"In all street railway franchises the paving problem is disposed of in this manner. If the city initiates the street improvement abutting property owners and the city must stand the entire cost. If the railway company initiates the improvement, and in the case of extensions, it must pave the devilstrip, between the tracks, and a foot beyond both outer rails.

Company Paved Ninety Miles.

"In this way, in the last four years, the railway company has paid for the paving along thirty-five miles of extensions and fifty-five miles of relaid track. When the company put down a new roadbed on Euclid ave. between E. 55th and 107th sts. it initiated the improvement and paid every cent of the cost. But on Euclid between E. 22d and 40th sts. the city planned to repave and widen the street and published notice thereof. Consequently, abutting property owners will pay for the repaving from curb to curb."

Records in the city engineer's office show that in cases where the railway company has decided to relay rails and has torn them up the company has put the street back in proper condition, sometimes entirely repaving between its tracks, and has paid for this work. On streets where the city has repaved on its own order the city also has paid for work done between the tracks, the records show.

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Mrs. Virginia D. Green, 2117 E. 40th st., present member; F. W. Steffen, 1828 E. 20th st., secretary-treasurer of the Cleveland Typographical union, and Mark L. Thomsen, 8126 Euclid ave., are the choice of the Civic League for school board members, the league declares in its first pre-election bulletin Thursday.

Other candidates are: E. E. Admire, 6303 Franklin ave., business college head; J. B. Frauenthal, 5703 Lexington ave., engineer; M. C. Yeagle, 1419 E. 110th st., merchant, and Siegfried Neubauer, Minnie Rivkin and E. O. Wilcox. The last three are Socialist nominees.

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West Siders Wednesday night had a glimpse at the Democratic machine's campaign movie entitled for reasons not apparent, "The Municipal Monthly." The thousand feet of film designed to impress voters with Peter Witt's greatness would lead people to believe that among other things Witt is entitled to be elected because he is responsible for:

The new Detroit-Superior high level bridge.
The curing of 90 per cent of the tubercular patients at Warrensville sanitarium.
The extracting of $100,000 profit annually from 13,000 subscribers to the municipal light plant.
The natural amphitheater at Brookside park.
The Edgewater park bathing beach, a mid-summer scene from which is shown.
The laying of car tracks in millionaire's row. The "monthly" shows a scene taken when workmen were tearing up Euclid ave., preparatory to laying the tracks.

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Rudolph Spillberg, Republ icandidate for council in ward tw ven-ty-two, will take all the school c children of the ward to the Natio theater, E. 55th st., Friday af noon for a special performance fr 4 to 5:30.

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Safety Director Benesch laid cl Thursday to being the most versa Witt "stumper" in Democratic ra He pointed out that at 8 p. m. Thu day he is booked to address a ne meeting at Central and E. 24th at 9 a meeting of Reserve stude in the University Y. M. C. A., a at 10 a Slavish meeting at Liter rd. and W. 5th st.

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Harry L. Davis told supporters a meeting at Hosmer ave. and E. 5 st. Wednesday night, that "as Ne burg goes so goes the city." added that he was confident would carry Newburg and that co sequently he will be Cleveland's ne mayor. Davis renewed his extrav gance charges and his charge th favoritism is shown in awarding c contracts.

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Charles P. Salen told 500 voters Royal hall, 5217 Woodland ave. Wed nesday night, that the election Tractioner Witt would mean an i crease in the city's debt. Sal charged that the administration ha used the city charter and the tim of city employees toward building u a machine to perpetuate the Bak administration and its chosen heir

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The Electrical League of Clevelan was the host Thursday noon to Sale Witt, Norton and Davis, each o whom was given an opportunity to boost his candidacy at the club's luncheon at the Hollenden.

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The John Hay Club Wednesday refused to go on record for either Harry L. Davis or Miner G. Norton. Davis asked that the club indorse him, in a speech made before the members at a luncheon. Norton spoke before the same club but asked no indorsement.

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Samuel T. Haas, secretary of the wets, Thursday announced the wets would ignore D. C. Summers and E. J. Hall, dry workers, who made their first Cleveland appearance Thursday in an advertised debate on the wet and dry question in the Public Square.

Hall and Summers essay to give a debate on the issues of prohibition and the saloons, one of them affecting the role of a license commissioner and the other of "Tom O'Neil, a saloonkeeper." Haas calls the debate a "vaudeville sketch," and characterizes it as "further evidence of the deception and misrepresentation of the drys."

Hall and Summers challenged the wets to meet them in the Square, but their invitation was ignored. They are to speak at Euclid Avenue Baptist church Thursday night, at the Chamber of Commerce Friday noon and at the Chamber of Industry Friday night.

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Attorney Paul S. Knight, spokesman for the drys, Thursday denied the charge made by Haas that the campaign of a year ago had been full of misrepresentation and deception on the part of the drys. Knight said the opinions the drys received from lawyers to the effect that the Home Rule law would repeal every liquor

Salen

SALEN IN GLOOM, MISSES CHILDREN

HEADING

Charles P. Salen expressed deep disappointment last night at having missed a crowd of 200 children who waited to hear him talk at Hermann ave. and W. 67th st. Salen did not arrive until after 10 o'clock and the children had gone then. He devoted most of his speech to a discussion of the children.

"I would rather have talked to the children than any other audience," he said. "They are our future citizens and I want to have a hand in forming their opinions." Salen recalled the fact that he had instituted Children's day last summer when he entertained thousands of children at Luna park.

"I was the first to advocate public playgrounds and the abolition of the 'Keep Off the Grass' signs in parks," Salen said.

Clarence L. Jones, candidate for municipal judge, and William Whitehead spoke before Salen arrived.

CAMPAIGN SIDELIGHTS

OCT 22 1915

Supporters of Harry L. Davis see in the candidate's debate tomorrow night with Peter Witt the crisis of the Davis campaign.

It is the first time the Republican and the administration candidates have faced each other on the same platform. The debate is to be held in a tent at Cedar-av S. E. and E. 55th-st.

Men active in the Davis fight said yesterday they believed the showing of their candidate against Mr. Witt would mean either an important advance or a disastrous setback in their battle.

The Davis people are planning to concentrate on the East End next week, the last of the campaign, and as one of them put it yesterday, the result of the debate tomorrow night and the subsequent invasion of the East End wards is "up to Harry."

The Davis campaigners claim their candidate has improved in speaking presence and fluency on the stump. They declare they think he can hold his own now with the street railway commissioner. They agree that if he doesn't it will not be well for them and will enhance the strength, not only of the Witt camp, but of the Miner G Norton forces.

Davis supporters will listen to tomorrow night's debate with the interest of men who feel they have reached the turning point of a fight in which they have a part.

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The Young Lawyers' Republican club was established as a Cleveland political organization at a meeting yesterday noon in the Chamber of Commerce.

Forty young Cleveland attorneys attended the meeting. The purposes of the proposed organization were explained by George B. Harris, chairman of the Republican county central committee, and Pierre A. White, both of whom are leaders in the Harry L. Davis campaign. It was stated, however, the club was not formed with the purpose of backing the Davis candidacy. It is to be a permanent organization.

A committee of six, including Mr. White, who presided, was appointed to draft a constitution and by laws and report at another meeting in the chamber next Thursday. Others on the committee named by Mr. White are Floyd Waite, A. A. Cartwright, James Lind, Julius Preyer and W. H. Seagrave. It is the intention of the club to enroll 100 young Republican lawyers, and each year hereafter to enroll in membership the Republican graduates from the Cleveland Law school and the law school of Western Reserve university.

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The John Hay club is to meet next week to consider indorsing Harry L. Davis or Miner G. Norton for mayor, according to announcement of Pierre A. White yesterday.

"I asked President Monroe Curtis to call the meeting, and he has consented," said Mr. White. "We did not expect an indorsement of Mr. Davis at the luncheon meeting Wednesday. Harry knew there would be none. Those of us who are Davis men felt it would not be fair to try to have an indorsement of Davis at a meeting called for him."

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Teutonia hall, Scovill-av S. E. and E. 31st-st, tonight will be the scene, not of clashing arms, but of a war of politics, when three candidates for council in Ward 11 meet in joint debate.

The debaters are to be M. H. Gelfand, T. W. Fleming and James S. Lytle. "Time" will be called at 8.

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Louis I. Litzler, candidate for council in Ward 4, believes in open air meetings, and began to put his belief into practice last night.

Mr. Litzler will make street corner addresses in the ward every evening between now and election day, two meetings a night. He spoke last night at W. 73d-st and Conrad-av S. W. and at W. 80th-st and Grace-av S. W. The meetings will be billed each day with dodgers announcing the places of meeting and bearing Mr. Litzler's statement of candidacy.

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Rudolph Spilburg, candidate for council in Ward 22, will be host to the children of that district at the National theater, E. 55th-st and Linwood-av N. E., between 4 and 5:30 this afternoon.

DAVIS' FLING OF "LIARS" WILL COST HIM VOTES

—SAYS NORTON.

Republican Club Members are Criticised by Davis for Stand.

Harry Speaks Nice Piece on Smiling

Said Harry Davis at one of his mayoralty campaign meetings Thursday night:

"The democrats say I'm a 'hand-shaker.' I enjoy the clasp of a friendly hand and I believe in being kindly and pleasant to everyone. You know the old verse:

"'Smile a smile, and while you smile another smiles,
And soon there's miles and miles of smiles,
And life's worth while, if you but smile.'"

Miner G. Norton Friday said statements made by Harry L. Davis Thursday night would cost Davis thousands of votes.

The statements Norton referred to were made at the northeastern progressive republican club, St. Clair-av and E. 72d-st where Davis stated:

"If you men are not for m now, you lied two years ago when you took your stand fo me."

Norton's followers Friday wer tickled over Davis' words.

"Davis' remarks will cost hin thousands of votes," said Norton "He's gone all to pieces."

Davis supporters Friday claimed the meeting was "planted" for Norton.

"It was not," retorted Norton. "The club asked Davis and myself three written questions about municipal issues. I never looked at mine until I got on the platform."

Davis and Norton met at the club's meeting when they came to tell how they would run the city with its income and how they stood on filtration and chlorinated water.

When Davis entered the hall he found six poster pictures of Norton staring him in the face. Not a Davis sign was in sight.

Davis was introduced as "Harry L. Davis," Norton as "our next mayor."

In presenting Davis, President Evans warned him to confine himself to the club's questions.

"I'm going to discuss anything I please," Davis retorted. Turning to the crowd, he added: "And I want to show you men the unfairness of this meeting."

He read Secretary Thomas Donkin's letter, asking him "to discuss" the questions.

"This letter does not even ask me to come to this meeting. But you see I'm here to answer you.

"You can't go back on the stand you took two years ago if you're men! You all said then, and Miner did, too, that I was the best man.

"And if you're not for me now, you lied then!" Davis fairly yelled.

Davis Gets Peeved.

A man in the crowd rose as Davis started out and asked him to explain what he meant by saying men who are against him now lied two years ago.

"Do you mean you're the best man in Cleveland?" asked the questioner.

"I mean you can't say one thing today and change tomorrow!" Davis replied. "And as for you," he shouted, pointing his finger at the questioner, "you told me three weeks ago you were for me. Now you're against me."

Not Free With Kisses.

"I'm off Davis for life," said Donkin after the meeting.

Davis told other meetings Thursday night: "I come from the rolling mills. The democrats charge me with kissing 20,000 babies. I wouldn't be so cruel to the babies.

"If I'm elected I want you to holler 'Hello Harry' when you meet me and I'll like it just as well as I do now. Why, even the newsboys call me 'Harry.'

"The democrats say I'm a 'hand-shaker,' too. I enjoy the clasp of a friendly hand and I believe in being kindly and pleasant to everyone.

"I'm directly opposite to Pete Witt in 'most everything, and I want the voters to distinctly understand it."

Recalls Blaine Campaign.

At the second ward republican club's wigwam, 3193 W. 71st-st, Norton was introduced by John Braschwitz, president of the league of republican clubs.

"I remember back in the Blaine-Logan presidential campaign," Braschwitz said, "Pete Witt was a drummer boy for one of the ward organizations in a big republican parade. He was a pretty poor drummer, but he took more money from another ward and went over to drum for its marchers. That was the first time Pete sold out, and he's been doing the same thing ever since."

At this meeting Norton made his first campaign prediction.

"Sentiment is changing all over the city," Norton said, "especially on the East-side. If the West-side does half as well for me this year as it did two years ago for the republican candidate I'll be the next mayor. I am confident of election."

Norton declined an offered bottle of beer at a meeting of the fifth ward republican club in a hall at W. 25th-st and Wade-a

CLEAN OUT CITY HALL, IS SLOGAN

LEADER

"Clean out the city hall," is the watchword of this campaign, Harry L. Davis told an audience of voters at the Doan Republican Club, E. 105th st. and St. Clair ave., last night.

"Wherever I go the feeling seems to be, 'clean out the city hall,'" he said. The issue now is, 'shall the next mayor of Cleveland live within his means.' The voters of Cleveland should wake up and demand a dollar's worth of service for every dollar spent. I purpose, as your mayor beginning January 1, to pay off the city indebtedness gradually, carrying it along by short-time notes. These short-time notes are better than the bonds that the administration wants you to issue because they will keep the city officials with their noses to the grindstone."

In introducing Davis the chairman of the meeting referred to him as "the man of the hour." John A. Alburn who preceeded Davis, speaking in his behalf, declared that a new job should be created for Peter Witt and that he should be named municipal censor, to tell people where they are wrong and where they may be right, after the fashion of the censors of the time of Caesar in Rome.

CLUB SITS AS JURY WHILE NORTON AND DAVIS PLEAD CASES

LEADER

Miner G. Norton and Harry L. Davis occupied the same platform last night in a two-cornered contest for the indorsement of the Northeastern Progressive Republican Club, St. Clair ave. and E. 72d st.

It was a bloodless battle between two mayoralty candidates, for Norton sat silent while Davis presented his oratorical plea. And then, when Norton took his turn to plead for votes Davis listened for a time without offering interruption and then hurried away to another meeting. Both await the club's decision next week.

In answering the three questions upon municipal affairs submitted to him, Davis charged the club with being unfair because it had not invited him personally instead of through his secretary. He also told the 100 present that those who supported him in his campaign two years ago and were not for him now "had lied to the public."

"Do you mean to say that during the past two years there could not have arisen a better man than yourselves to become the candidate of the Republican party?" asked one man as Davis left the hall.

Good Then, Good Now, Says Davis.

"I mean to say that if I was good enough for you two years ago I'm good enough for you now," said Davis.

Both Davis and Norton promised economical and efficient city government if elected.

Norton in his five campaign speeches last night attacked the administration of the traction commissioner's office under Peter Witt, Democratic organization mayoralty candidate, pointed to the waste of funds in awarding city contracts and for the first time declared that he would be the next mayor.

"I've waited until tonight to make a prediction," said Norton. "I wanted to be sure. The reports of my supporters from the East Side of the city have assured my election."

Explains Increased Car Fare.

Norton reiterated his charge that Witt's extravagance in permitting he street railway company to double s issue of stock was to blame for he increase in fare. He declared hat Witt's methods were directly pposed to those advocated by Tom . Johnson.

He also charged that the fare would ever get back to three cents during the life of the Tayler grant and asked Witt to prove his statement that it could.

Norton opposed Davis' plan for the issuance of short-time notes instead of $1,500,000 in bonds to meet the city's deficit, declaring no better rate of interest could be secured on notes than on bonds.

Applauded by Workmen.

Norton declared he stood for a fair deal for both employer and employee, with favors for neither side. This announcement brought applause from 100 workingmen assembled in a hall at 2818 W. 25th st.

Other meetings at which Norton spoke were: 3130 Lorain ave., 3193 W. 71st st. and 1104 Addison rd.

Defeat of the Barber subway grant was predicted by Davis when he addressed an audience of more than 300 men at Wilcut's hall, E. 77th st. and Woodland ave. He declared that the Barber company had refused to give a substantial bond as a guarantee that it would build a subway.

"The Barber grant should be voted down because they have given us no assurance that a subway will be constructed," he said. "It will be voted down."

Promises to Cut Expenses.

Davis promised that if he was elected he would curtail expenses of all city departments. He said he would see that Cleveland contractors were given a fair deal on all public improvements.

"The present administration has given outside firms, which import workmen, many of the big public contracts," he said, "even when Cleveland firms were the lowest bidders. The Casey company filtration plant contract, on which the city paid $210,000 more than it should have paid, is a striking example of the present administration's waste of your money."

In addressing a meeting of eighteenth ward followers at E. 74th st. and Central ave., Davis declared he would conduct the office of mayor, if elected, in the interests of the small home owner and rent payer.

Davis-Witt Come to Grips at Grays' Armory Debate Tonight

Candidates, Nursing Voices, Ban All Other Engagements for Big Verbal Battle on Issues.

LEADER

BY JOHN T. BOURKE.

Cleveland voters tonight will have opportunity to compare the oratorical attainments of Harry L. Davis and Peter Witt, candidate for mayor, who will meet in joint debate at the Grays' armory, Bolivar rd. and Prospect ave. That the partisans of each candidate may be able to attend the debate neither Davis nor Witt has been assigned to address other meetings. The Democratic organization which is supporting the Witt candidacy has seen to it that there shall be no ward meetings to detract attention and attendance from the Davis-Witt discussion.

The debate was to have been held in a tent at E. 55th st. and Cedar ave., the location suggested by Davis' representative, W. S. FitzGerald, and agreed to by Robert J. Bulkley, representing Witt. Yesterday afternoon, however, the Witt managers asked that a change be made and Grays' armory secured for the meeting. The Witt forces didn't like the location first agreed upon, saying it was hard to reach and not sufficiently central.

The Davis people consented to the change and it was then determined that the talkfest should not begin until 8:30 o'clock, that persons going to Cedar ave. and E. 55th st. might have time to reach the armory.

Judge Fielder Sanders will preside at the debate in which the opening argument will be made by Witt in thirty minutes. Davis will follow also with a thirty minutes' address. Witt will then have fifteen minutes for rebuttal and Davis will be allowed the same time for closing the discussion.

Both the principals in the debate are nursing their voices for tonight's effort. Davis' throat was in such condition yesterday that the noonday meeting at the works of the Wellman-Seaver-Morgan Company, in Central ave., was not held.

Witt has laryngitis and canceled his speaking engagements for last night. Both candidates, however, say they will be fit for their verbal wrestling bout when the gong rings.

If the two candidates are not satisfied with the outcome of tonight's debate they can continue the discussion the next day, since both have been invited to speak at a meeting of the Independent Citizen Club of Cuyahoga county, to be held tomorrow at 7 p. m. in Royal hall, 5217 Woodland ave. Witt and Davis are the only mayoralty candidates invited to speak at the meeting.

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Norton Boosters Meet to Report.

While Davis and Witt are debating tonight, supporters of Miner G. Norton's candidacy for mayor will hold a general organization meeting and rally in the Alley Club in E. 3d st., near Euclid ave. Norton will speak at this meeting and reports will be received from the ward and precinct organizations formed this week.

Norton, the last of the mayoralty candidates to start his campaign, will be the first to close. His last big meeting will be held in the Grays' armory next Friday night. From that day until the polls close on election night, his organization workers will beat the bushes for votes.

Charles P. Salen will wind up the week's campaigning tonight with a speech at Goodfellow's hall, Freeman ave. and W. 25th st., while C. E. Ruthenberg, the Socialist candidate, will make an open air address on Payne ave. at E. 55th st.

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Young Men Aid Norton.

Twenty young Republicans interested in Norton's candidacy for mayor met at luncheon yesterday noon in the Cuyahoga restaurant and formed a new political club. The Young Men's Norton Republican Club was the name given the organization, of which Raymond E. Hyre was elected president and W. C. Bracken, secretary. Candidate Norton addressed the gathering on the necessity for young men to take an active interest in politics. Ten of those present volunteered their services at meetings to be held next week. It was decided that the club should meet at the Cuyahoga restaurant at 12:15 p. m. next Tuesday and again next Friday.

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A straw ballot on candidates for mayor is to be taken by the Western Reserve Club. On blank ballots mailed yesterday to 625 members of the club are the names of all mayoralty candidates and each member is asked to mark his first, second and third choice upon it. The vote is to be counted and the result announced at a meeting of the club at its clubhouse next Wednesday night. Harry L. Davis, Miner G. Norton, and all candidates for municipal judges and municipal court clerk have been invited to speak at the meeting.

An effort will be made to have the club formally indorse the candidate for mayor receiving the highest vote.

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Johnnie Kilbane, who lives in Lakewood, champion featherweight pugilist, it was announced at Democratic headquarters yesterday, would preside at a Witt meeting, to be held in Dunn's gymnasium on W. 14th st. Monday night. The Witt people say Kilbane will assert he is not interested in Cleveland's sport world, but that his chief desire is that the Sixth City shall have good government. Peter Witt, Peter Henry anl John J. Hogan are to speak at the meeting, also.

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Miner G. Norton was the only candidate for mayor to hold a shop meeting yesterday. He spoke at 11:30 a. m. to 1,500 employees of the White automobile works on St. Clair ave. and E. 72d st., discussing the street railway situation. He told his audience that men in the service of the city government should not represent any class but be just to capital and labor alike, and give every man a square deal. James W. Holcomb introduced Norton in a five minutes' speech.

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Club to Quiz Candidates.

The third meeting of mayoralty candidates in a joint discussion of their attitude upon public matters will take place this noon at the Hollenden hotel, under the auspices of the City Club. They have been asked to answer the question, "What will be your policy, if elected mayor, toward the welfare activities of the city?"

Five of the candidates, Miner G. Norton, Harry L. Davis, Peter Witt, Charles P. Salen and C. E. Ruthenberg, have accepted the invitation to discuss the matter. They will draw lots to determine the order in which they are to speak. The meeting is being held at the request of the Welfare Council of Cleveland, which submitted the question.

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Councilman James J. McGinty and Peter Witt have been invited to address the Cleveland Motor-boat Club, at the foot of E. 9th st., tomorrow at 4 p. m.

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Richard Koeppel, Socialist Labor candidate for mayor, will address a mass meeting of his party tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at 2209 Ontario st.

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The Salen Nonpartisan League yesterday issued a pamphlet containing excerpts from newspaper reports of speeches made by Peter Witt in Cleveland, Cincinnati and Toledo, in which the Democratic organization candidate is said to have attacked the Cleveland Federation of Labor, United States soldiers, former Governor Harmon and President McKinley.

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Louis Litzler, one of the numerous Democratic candidates for councilman in the fourth ward, is speaking at two open-air meetings each night.

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The Democratic organization's "boost book," extolling the Baker administration and Peter Witt's record as street railway commissioner, is to be distributed throughout the city today by ward leaders and precinct captains.

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A ten-page pamphlet recording his councilmanic record has been issued by President of Council Thompson, who is a candidate for re-election in the fifteenth ward. The books will be distributed throughout the ward.

Today's Political Calendar.

City Club, Hollenden hotel, noon. Speakers, Harry L. Davis, Miner G. Norton, Charles P. Salen, Peter Witt.

Debate, Grays' armory, Bolivar rd. and Prospect ave., 8:30 p. m. Speakers, Harry L. Davis, Peter Witt.

Norton general organization meeting, Alley Club, E. 3d st., near Euclid ave., evening. Speakers, Miner G. Norton and others.

Salen meeting, evening, Goodfellows' hall, Freeman ave. and W. 25th st. Speakers, Charles P. Salen and others.

South Brooklyn NonPartisan Club, evening, Johnson house, Broadview ave. and W. 25th st. Speakers, August Cook, M. C. Portmann, Clayton C. Townes.

Socialist meetings, evening, Chamber of Industry hall, Franklin ave. and W. 25th st. Speaker, Arthur M. Lewis, Garrick lecturer of Chicago. Payne ave. and E. 55th st. Speaker, C. E. Ruthenberg. Union ave. and E. 93d st. Speaker, Jacob Spitz. Denison ave. and W. 25th st. Speaker, Tom Clifford. Clark ave. and W. 25th st. Speaker, John G. Willert.

ALAS FOR GORDON! HE DID WELL, BUT—

OCT 3 1915 LEADER

Congressman William Gordon paced up and down the speaker's platform at the Democratic tent meeting at Denison ave. and W. 25th st., last night.

Occasionally he looked at his watch and mopped his brow. Then he would continue a discussion of national, state and municipal issues. Gordon had not observed the arrival of Mayor Baker a half hour earlier. He figured it was up to him to keep talking until Baker arrived.

"I crept in along the back of the tent and over the side of the platform," Baker explained when the astonished congressman discovered him. Gordon admitted that he was on the point of hoisting a signal of distress.

Gordon, Baker and Congressman Crosser were the speakers at the main Democratic meeting last night. Peter Witt, administration candidate for mayor, was confined to his home with an attack of laryngitis.

Crosser said Candidate Davis was an agreeable sort of man whom it was a pleasure to meet, that Norton also had a pleasing personality and that Salen was making a bid for votes of the liberal element. Witt is the only candidate having a constructive program, Crosser insisted. The chief reason that he is for Witt, though, is because Witt is a single taxer, he claimed.

Gordon said he was for Witt because he was the best exponent of Tom L. Johnson's municipal ownership doctrines. He urged voters to vote but one choice. He recalled Davis' declaration that persons who voted for him two years ago and who were now against him were "liars."

"I am anxious to see how Harry's strong arm method of obtaining votes will succeed," he said.

Baker said that questions interjected into the campaign as to whether a man was a sport or whether he was polite were "mere dribblings." The mayor said Witt had made good in the office of street railway commissioner.

J. H. Clark, who heckled Witt Thursday night, again made charges against the administration of the building department at last night's meeting. He obtained Baker's consent to talk from the platform but was removed by police when they considered that his remarks were too personal.

EXCELL STUMPS FOR WITT; BAKER KNOCKS BARRED

OCT 22 1915

Matt B. Excell, safety board member under Tom E. Johnson and bitter enemy of the Baker administration, is going to be allowed to take the stump for Tractioner Witt under pledge that he will confine himself to lauding Witt and cast no reflection upon the Baker administration. Excell will make this first Witt speech Friday night at Pipi hall, 2029 Woodhill rd.

Excell is looked upon in Democratic circles as the original Witt man. It is recalled that two years ago, after the returns of the Baker-Davis election showed the election of Baker by a small majority on second choice votes, Excell turned to Baker and declared:

"You've run your race, Mr. Baker, now you're through. Pete Witt will be Cleveland's next mayor."

Excell has been anxious to make his appearance in the Witt campaign ever since the opening gun was fired, but has been held off.

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Frank G. Carpenter, antiadministration mayoralty candidate in East Cleveland, hurled bad faith charges at Mayor William E. Minshall at a meeting Thursday night because the city's charter commission has failed to submit a charter proposal to the people.

Minshall, in a meeting at Superior and Rozelle aves., held Carpenter up as "the Cleveland railway's candidate."

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The Chamber of Commerce Friday failed to approve the proposed $1,500,000 bond issue to pay the city's deficit.

Chamber directors also disapproved the proposed city purchase of the Cleveland Railway Company and failed to approve the referendum on the McDermott liquor license decentralizer law, the Sprague congressional redistricting proposal and the proposal to extend the terms of county officers.

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Five of the six mayoralty candidates are expected to address th Young Men's Business Club, 27 Prospect ave., Friday night. Pete Witt, Charles P. Salen, Harry I Davis, Miner G. Norton and C. E Ruthenberg have been invited t make fifteen-minute addresses.

Club directors have approved th Barber subway, the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad and union sta tion ordinances and several of th bond issues, but disapproved th $1,500,000 bond issue to care for th deficit incurred by the Baker ad ministration.

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The report of the Civic League o municipal court candidates, issue Friday, recommends the same candidates for office as favored by th bar association, with the exceptio that two additional candidates fo the four-year-term as judge ar recommended.

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Johnny Kilbane, featherweigh champion, is going to make his bo as a real live politician Monda night in Jimmy Dunn's gymnasiu 2900 W. 14th st., when he will act a chairman of a meeting at whic Tractioner Witt will speak.

A week ago Kilbane was reporte to have taken the stump for Charle P. Salen.

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A new bridge rather than subwa approaches to the high level bridg now nearing completion was advo cated Thursday night by Charles P Salen at a meeting at W. 25th st. an the Lake Shore tracks. "If it wil cost four or five millions to build th subways, the money could be muc better spent on a new bridge," sai Salen. "This would relieve traffi conditions between the East and West Sides better than tubes."

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Miner G. Norton supporters Friday looked upon the charge of unfairness made by Davis against Norton and the Northeastern Progressive Club. E. 72d st. and St. Clair ave., where both spoke Thursday night, as "the crisis of the Davis campaign." They declare that in making the charge that the club had given Norton in advance questions it wanted answered and not given Davis the same opportunity, Davis made a "mistake that will turn the tide against him." Club officers said that both Norton and Davis had received the questions at the same time and both had ample opportunity to prepare their answers. The club indorsed neither candidate, although both expected it.

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If J. H. Clark, 638 Bolivar rd, wants the $11.50 he claims the cit has withheld on an unused buildin tect about it. This was the answer Friday of Building Commissioner Allen and Accounts Commissioner Murphy to Clark's charge, made before Tractioner Witt Thursday night in a tent at W, 25th st. and Meyer ave.

Clark, after asking Witt whether, if elected, he would retain Allen, openly accused Allen of holding back the $11.50 he paid for a permit for rebuilding an Ontario st. structure into a lodging-house. Afterward Mark Lamb, lodging-house proprietor, took the building off his hands and obtained a permit for practically the same work, he charged.

Both Allen and Murphy claimed Friday that Clark's architect took out the permit in his own name. They said that when he presented his receipt they handed him the $11.50.

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C. E. Ruthenberg Thursday night told street corner audiences he favors abolition of the office of street railway commissioner as a useless extravagance.

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Tractioner Witt, whose voice went back on him Thursday night while addressing a meeting at Royal theater, E. 32d st. and Woodland ave. Friday was under the care of a physician. Witt said he expected to be able to fill his speaking engagements Friday night and would take great care of his voice so nothing should interfere with his debate with Harry L. Davis in a tent at E. 55th st. and Cedar ave. Saturday night.

BOARD ADMITS NORTON PLANT CHARGES TRUE

LEADER

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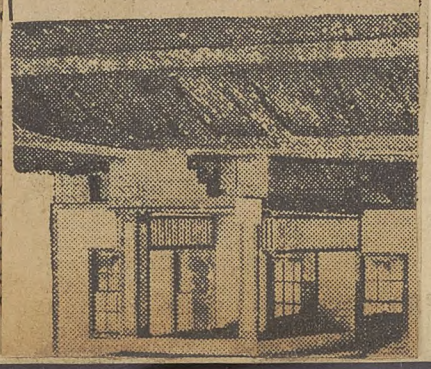
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I'LL TELL NOBODY WHOM I'LL FIRE

—PETER WITT.

OCT 22 1915

Candidate Declares He Will Make No Pre-Election Appointment Promises.

Former Gov. Cox, Incognito, Hears Commissioner in Tent.

PLAIN DEALER

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Peter Witt last night laid down a policy of opposition to pre-election intimations of appointment or discharge of city officers when a questioner in the Democratic tent at Meyer-av S. W. and W. 25th-st asked whether he, as mayor, would retain Virgil D. Allen as building inspector. The questioner charged he had wrongfully lost $11.50 on a building permit.

It was at the close of the meeting. The great crowd which had overflowed the tent was leaving. Mr. Witt turned to throw his overcoat on a chair as the question was asked, and with half the crowd sitting and the rest standing he leaned from the platform to shoot his answer at the man who had asked it.

"Davis has promised he'll give that job to a union man," cried the commissioner. "The candidate in the sideshow says he will fire Allen. I will not tell you or anybody else whom I'll hire or fire! I'll be mayor first and then I'll run the job! I'm not trying to make votes that way."

"Good boy, Pete," yelled a man as the crowd roared applause.

Neither Mr. Witt nor anyone else save Mayor Newton D. Baker knew that hidden in the tent meeting crowd listening with every manifestation of interest to Mr. Witt's address was former Gov. James M. Cox, who was a visitor in Cleveland yesterday. Mr. Cox never had heard a campaign speech by the man who from the stump since the mayoralty race opened has pronounced him the best governor Ohio ever had.

Mr. Witt made three meetings last night. He started at Eldred hall, on the campus of Adelbert college, Western Reserve university, where he spoke briefly to the Voters' Good Government club on independence in politics. Next he went to the tent, and his third engagement was at the Royal theater, Woodland-av S. E. and E. 37th-st.

At the Woodland-av meeting he found a crowded house awaiting him, but as he stepped to the front of the stage his voice failed him. Scarcely able to make himself heard for the hoarseness, he spoke little more than a greeting and excused himself.

It was the first difficulty he has had since the attack that knocked him out of two days of campaigning last week. Mr. Witt will see his physician again this morning. His supporters are anxious for him to be in good voice for the debate tomorrow night with Harry L. Davis, and particularly for his lecture in the Hippodrome Sunday afternoon. Should his throat continue to bother him today, the debate with Mr. Davis may be postponed until next week.

Mayor Newton D. Baker spoke in the tent with Mr. Witt. The mayor also was a speaker at the Royal theater,, where he was bombarded with questions. Some one asked "why Mr. Witt insults people and calls a man a fool?"

"Why, I don't know," said the mayor. "Suppose he knows the man is a fool?" The crowd laughed.

Mr. Witt told the assemblage in the tent "these outpourings every night mean something, and I'm as sure as both of us are here that Pete Witt will be mayor the next two years."

"There are three on the other side," he said. "They may figure it takes three to lick one good man. There are Davis, Norton and the Willis Republican who's performing in the sideshow. He's a Davis aid. That's why he was put in. He owes it to me, though, because I've taken some pretty good wallops at him the past few years. He owes it to himself to lick me if he can. But he can't. The people of Cleveland will see to that."

Mr. Witt discussed his record as street railway commissioner, saying "It's not nice to toot your own horn, but when the other fellow throws the horn at you, why, blow it." He said he was willing for people to judge him "for what he's been and for what he's done." He proposed a car line into Brookside park if the natural difficulties could be overcome.

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Matt B. Excell, safety board member under Tom L. Johnson and bitter enemy of the Baker administration, is going to be allowed to take the stump for Tractioner Witt under pledge that he will confine himself to lauding Witt and cast no reflection upon the Baker administration. Excell will make this first Witt speech Friday night at Pipi hall, 2029 Woodhill rd.

Excell is looked upon in Democratic circles as the original Witt man. It is recalled that two years ago, after the returns of the Baker-Davis election showed the election of Baker by a small majority on second choice votes, Excell turned to Baker and declared:

"You've run your race, Mr. Baker, now you're through. Pete Witt will be Cleveland's next mayor."

Excell has been anxious to make his appearance in the Witt campaign ever since the opening gun was fired, but has been held off.

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Frank G. Carpenter, antiadministration mayoralty candidate in East Cleveland, hurled bad faith charges at Mayor William E. Minshall at a meeting Thursday night because the city's charter commission has failed to submit a charter proposal to the people.

Minshall, in a meeting at Superior and Rozelle aves., held Carpenter up as "the Cleveland railway's candidate."

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The Chamber of Commerce Friday failed to approve the proposed $1,500,000 bond issue to pay the city's deficit.

Chamber directors also disapproved the proposed city purchase of the Cleveland Railway Company and failed to approve the referendum on the McDermott liquor license decentralizer law, the Sprague congressional redistricting proposal and the proposal to extend the terms of county officers.

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Five of the six mayoralty candidates are expected to address th Young Men's Business Club, 27 Prospect ave., Friday night. Pete Witt, Charles P. Salen, Harry I Davis, Miner G. Norton and C. E Ruthenberg have been invited t make fifteen-minute addresses.

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Johnny Kilbane, featherweight champion, is going to make his bow as a real live politician Monday night in Jimmy Dunn's gymnasium 2900 W. 14th st., when he will act as chairman of a meeting at which Tractioner Witt will speak.

A week ago Kilbane was reported to have taken the stump for Charles P. Salen.

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A new bridge rather than subway approaches to the high level bridge now nearing completion was advocated Thursday night by Charles P. Salen at a meeting at W. 25th st. and the Lake Shore tracks. "If it will cost four or five millions to build the subways, the money could be much better spent on a new bridge," said Salen. "This would relieve traffic conditions between the East and West Sides better than tubes."

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Miner G. Norton supporters Friday looked upon the charge of unfairness made by Davis against Norton and the Northeastern Progressive Club. E. 72d st. and St. Clair ave., where both spoke Thursday night, as "the crisis of the Davis campaign." They declare that in making the charge that the club had given Norton in advance questions it wanted answered and not given Davis the same opportunity, Davis made a "mistake that will turn the tide against him." Club officers said that both Norton and Davis had received the questions at the same time and both had ample opportunity to prepare their answers. The club indorsed neither candidate, although both expected it.

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If J. H. Clark, 638 Bolivar rd, wants the $11.50 he claims the city has withheld on an unused buildin[illegible] tect about it. This was the answer Friday of Building Commissioner Allen and Accounts Commissioner Murphy to Clark's charge, made before Tractioner Witt Thursday night in a tent at W, 25th st. and Meyer ave.

Clark, after asking Witt whether, if elected, he would retain Allen, openly accused Allen of holding back the $11.50 he paid for a permit for rebuilding an Ontario st. structure into a lodging-house. Afterward Mark Lamb, lodging-house proprietor, took the building off his hands and obtained a permit for practically the same work, he charged.

Both Allen and Murphy claimed Friday that Clark's architect took out the permit in his own name. They said that when he presented his receipt they handed him the $11.50.

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C. E. Ruthenberg Thursday night told street corner audiences he favors abolition of the office of street railway commissioner as a useless extravagance.

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Tractioner Witt, whose voice went back on him Thursday night while addressing a meeting at Royal theater, E. 32d st. and Woodland ave. Friday was under the care of a physician. Witt said he expected to be able to fill his speaking engagements Friday night and would take great care of his voice so nothing should interfere with his debate with Harry L. Davis in a tent at E. 55th st. and Cedar ave. Saturday night.

BOARD ADMITS NORTON PLANT CHARGES TRUE

LEADER

Filter Damage, Denied by City Officials, Is Found by Engineers; Another Delay Necessary.

OCT 23 1915

City board of control members yesterday admitted that charges made by Miner G. Norton, mayoralty candidate, were true when the board let a contract for test borings to locate cause of the settling of the Division filtration plant.

It also developed that Cleveland will not get filtered water December 15, the latest date set for the opening of the new plant. Director of Public Utilities Stage only plans to have a 25,000,000-gallon pump in operation at that time. The capacity of the plant is 150,000,000 gallons.

Filtered water will be pumped into the same mains as raw water and distributed throughout the city. It may be months later until all the water can be filtered.

Norton charged that the settling of the plant had cracked filter basins from end to end. This was denied by city officials but later admitted by engineers.

Under the contract made yesterday the firm of Gilbert & Hartshorne will make borings to determine soil formation, according to Maurice Sarbinsky, secretary of the department of public utilities. Sheet piling will be driven if the cause of the sliding is located, he said.

Excavations must be made for mains connecting the filter plant proper and the pumping station. Engineers fear that this will cause the plant to settle still further, unless piling is driven.

"Excavations for mains will be made in small sections," said Sarbinsky. "This will minimize the danger from sliding."

He said that cracks already made by settling could be easily repaired with concrete.

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Former Gov. Cox, Incognito, Hears Commissioner in Tent.

PLAIN DEALER

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Peter Witt last night laid down a policy of opposition to pre-election intimations of appointment or discharge of city officers when a questioner in the Democratic tent at Meyer-av S. W. and W. 25th-st asked whether he, as mayor, would retain Virgil D. Allen as building inspector. The questioner charged he had wrongfully lost $11.50 on a building permit.

It was at the close of the meeting. The great crowd which had overflowed the tent was leaving. Mr. Witt turned to throw his overcoat on a chair as the question was asked, and with half the crowd sitting and the rest standing he leaned from the platform to shoot his answer at the man who had asked it.

"Davis has promised he'll give that job to a union man," cried the commissioner. "The candidate in the sideshow says he will fire Allen. I will not tell you or anybody else whom I'll hire or fire! I'll be mayor first and then I'll run the job! I'm not trying to make votes that way."

"Good boy, Pete," yelled a man as the crowd roared applause.

Neither Mr. Witt nor anyone else save Mayor Newton D. Baker knew that hidden in the tent meeting crowd listening with every manifestation of interest to Mr. Witt's address was former Gov. James M. Cox, who was a visitor in Cleveland yesterday. Mr. Cox never had heard a campaign speech by the man who from the stump since the mayoralty race opened has pronounced him the best governor Ohio ever had.

Mr. Witt made three meetings last night. He started at Eldred hall, on the campus of Adelbert college, Western Reserve university, where he spoke briefly to the Voters' Good Government club on independence in politics. Next he went to the tent, and his third engagement was at the Royal theater, Woodland-av S. E. and E. 37th-st.

At the Woodland-av meeting he found a crowded house awaiting him, but as he stepped to the front of the stage his voice failed him. Scarcely able to make himself heard for the hoarseness, he spoke little more than a greeting and excused himself.

It was the first difficulty he has had since the attack that knocked him out of two days of campaigning last week. Mr. Witt will see his physician again this morning. His supporters are anxious for him to be in good voice for the debate tomorrow night with Harry L. Davis, and particularly for his lecture in the Hippodrome Sunday afternoon. Should his throat continue to bother him today, the debate with Mr. Davis may be postponed until next week.

Mayor Newton D. Baker spoke in the tent with Mr. Witt. The mayor also was a speaker at the Royal theater,, where he was bombarded with questions. Some one asked "why Mr. Witt insults people and calls a man a fool?"

"Why, I don't know," said the mayor. "Suppose he knows the man is a fool?" The crowd laughed.

Mr. Witt told the assemblage in the tent "these outpourings every night mean something, and I'm as sure as both of us are here that Pete Witt will be mayor the next two years."

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Getting Stormy



PETE WON'T BUY VOTE WITH JOBS

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OCT 2 2 1915

Pete Witt isn't seeking votes by telling whom he'll hire or fire if elected mayor, he told his Thursday night tent audience at W. 25th-st and Meyer-av.

Pete said this when asked if he would retain Virgil Allen as building inspector. A man who said his name was J. H. Clark put the question.

"I'll tell no man whom I will hire or fire, if elected," Witt said. "I'm not seeking votes by that method."

Clark said the city building inspection department turned over $11.50 he had paid it for a building permit to an architect and he didn't get his permit.

Talks to Three Meetings.

Witt addressed three huge meetings Thursday night, one at his tent, another at Eldred hall on Reserve campus, and the third at Royal hall, Woodland-av near E. 55th-st. He was hoarse and plainly showed the effects of strenuous campaigning.

At Royal hall Witt's voice gave way and he had to quit in a few minutes.

Witt Friday had a physician treat his throat. He may try to use it for short speeches Friday night.

"Iamasport" Salen isn't referred to by that name any more in Witt's speeches. He's styled by Witt "the preacher in the little sideshow" of the campaign.

"I have made a success as tractioner because I am not bound down by custom and I just buckle down and work," said Pete.

"I'm going to have car lines running thru Edgewater park from Bulkley-blvd to Lake-av when I'm mayor. I'm also going to send the cars into Brookside park if engineers tell me the steep grades there can be overcome."

Engineers say cars can be run into Brookside park, despite the grade.

Ex-Gov. Jimmie Cox was one of Witt's listeners Thursday night.

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WOULD ABANDON CAR COMMISSIONERSHIP

C. E. Ruthenberg, socialist mayoralty candidate, Thursday night said that under Tractioner Witt's management the Concon was having everything its own way.

"If elected mayor the first thing I'll do will be to abolish the office of tractioner," said Ruthenberg.

FAVORS NEW SPAN INSTEAD OF TUBE

OCT 2 2 1915

Salen for Change in Traffic Plan—Promises West Side Michigan Southern Depot.

LEADER

Three hundred Salen enthusiasts who filled Chamber of Industry hall last night were promised that if Charles P. Salen is elected mayor at the coming election, there will be a new station built at W. 25th st. and the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway.

"I have fostered such a plan for several years," Salen declared. "One of my acts as mayor will be to put it through."

Issuance of bonds years ago was considered extravagant, according to Salen, but during the last administration it has become a pastime.

"The bonded indebtedness during the last ten years has increased 138 per cent," he said. "One-half of this amount has been spent for the payment of interest and toward sinking funds."

Salen also decried the payment of immense sums for subway approaches to the new high level bridge.

"Why not use this money to build another bridge?" he asked.

Architect G. B. Bohm then flashed three stereopticon slides of plans suggesting a plaza at the intersection of W. 25th st. and Detroit ave., which it was said would eliminate the necescity of the subway approaches.

Former State Representative Daniel J. O'Rourke, of Toledo, took the platform in behalf of Salen and denounced the candidacy of Peter Witt.

"Witt was introduced July 4, 1907, as speaker of the day at a celebration in Woolbridge park, Toledo," he said. "Among the first words he uttered were: 'Every man that wears the uniform of an American soldier is no better than a street corner loafer or a common bum.'

"I was present, and as a member of the G. A. R., I resented the insult to our soldiers and impeached Witt's manhood on the spot; and I'm here tonight to denounce him in his own city."

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Norton

NORTON MEN PLAN FINAL ACTIVITIES

LEADER

Members of the committee of 500, in charge of Miner G. Norton's mayoralty fight, perfected plans at the Alley Club last night for the last week of the campaign. Workers were organized by wards and precincts and instructions were given to men who volunteered to work at the polls.

Norton, in urging his workers to devote all of election day to "the cause," declared that he was making the fight for mayor without the aid of a paid organization.

"Not a dollar has been paid out to any of my workers," he said. "Everyone helping me is doing so of his own free will. Not a promise of reward has been made by me, nor have I been asked to make any. The only promise I have made is to give good government, economically administered. The city hall had to pay and contribute to Witt's campaign."

Norton said that the counting of the votes was as essential as voting and urged those who would be called upon as witnesses to the counting of ballots to "be on the job."

In addressing the meeting before Norton's talk, J. W. Holcomb declared that all other candidates were defeated. He said that since Witt's voice had failed there was nothing left of the administration's candidate.

"I differ with Mr. Holcomb because I believe if Witt lost his voice he would save votes," P. A. MacKenzie, another speaker, said.

Meetings of Norton followers for organization purposes will be held in every ward next Saturday night, the committee decided. A meeting of all workers will be held tomorrow night at Norton headquarters, 504 Society for Savings building, at which time plans for a big Norton mass meeting at Grays' Armory Friday night, will be made.

DEMOCRATS HERE DICTATE FEDERAL JOBS, SAYS SALEN

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County Machine Leaders Accused of Telling Wertz Who is to be Deputy in U. S. Attorney's Office.

Mayoralty Candidates Tell Platforms Before Members of Young Men's Business Club.

COUGHLIN DEFENDS CITY FINANCIAL POLICIES

Davis and Norton Dwell on Extravagance of Administration.

Declaring the Democratic organization here dictates city and county appointments and some federal appointments, Charles P. Salen, candidate for mayor, last night told 500 members of the Young Men's Business club, at 2738 Prospect-av S. E., that his ticket is the only one which establishes the nonpartisan issue touched upon by the new city charter.

Mr. Salen was the last speaker before members of the club which had invited the five leading candidates for mayor to speak.

Peter Witt did not attend. His place was taken by Director of Finance Thomas Coughlin, who explained that Mr. Witt is at home with a severe attack of laryngitis and, through advice of his physician, is remaining home to conserve his voice for the debate with Harry L. Davis at the Grays armory this evening.

Mr. Davis appeared before the club and briefly discused issues of the campaign. He did not take up all the time allotted to him, complaining that he had severe pains in his chest and throat.

Miner G. Norton and C. E. Ruthenberg were the other speakers.

Says Machine Dictates.

In attacking the Democratic organization, Mr. Salen said:

"The present administration has used the new city charter as a tool to build up a political machine to dictate every policy and every appointment in the city and county governments. And it even has gone over into the federal appointments.

"I do not think I am violating a confidence when I say this, but Ed Wertz, new United States district attorney here, told me he had made a selection for his first deputy and when he was about to make the appointment Senator Pomerene told him the organization here had a candidate and the organization's candidate had to be appointed.

"Mr. Wertz was told, 'You are not in Wooster now. You are in Cleveland,' and he had to turn down the man he had selected.

"There is not a thing done in this city or county that is not done at the behest of the gang. The people of this city are getting tired of misrule and extravagance and want a change, but you don't want to go from bad to worse.

"You cannot vote for candidates who, for nine months, have been condemned by the leaders of their own party. I am speaking of the Republicans. The leaders of their party insisted on the withdrawal of the two candidates now in the field so they could get a man who was fit for the job. How can they expect the public to vote for candidates who have been condemned as unfit by their own leaders.

"There is only one relief. You must retire both old organizations, clean out the political stables and do what the charter says you must do, install a nonpartisan government.

"You young business men should take up this proposition. Mayor Baker, in a defensive campaign, challenges anyone to prove his administration has been a failure, I challenge anyone to prove it has been a success.

"How can you call it a success when it comes to you asking you to vote for a bond issue of $1,500,000 to make up its deficit?

"This extravagance in the expenses of the city has gone on until no department lives within its means. This bond issue is the most vicious ever submitted and should be voted down. If it carries it will mean a reign of extravagance that will outshine that now being conducted.

"They will say: 'Let the sky be the limit. If we go broke we'll issue bonds.' These frills and follies must be ended.

"If you come out to my tent meeting at Superior-av and Hayden-st next Tuesday night I will show you in pictures many instances of extravagance by the present administration where hundreds of thousands of dollars of your money has been wasted."

Miner G. Norton was the first speaker. He spoke of the financial angles of the campaign, saying the young business men should be interested in the business affairs of the city.

"The bonded indebtedness of Cleveland," said Mr. Norton, "is over $54,000,000. It means Cleveland is laboring under a greater indebtedness than it can bear. Its financial condition is such that it cannot sell its bonds.

"And I remember a few years ago when the conservative banks of Massachusetts were glad to buy Cleveland bonds. A year ago you couldn't hock a Cleveland bond at any price.

"Why? Because of the reckless expenditure of public funds. Never before have we run behind in current expenses. Prior to the adoption of the charter money appropriated for one purpose could not be used for any other purpose. But now departments are being robbed. The water works fund which never was touched before is being robbed to help other departments."

Mr. Norton charged that in the filtration plant contract the city gave the contract to a firm which was $154,000 higher in its bid than the lowest bidder and then gave a bonus of $65,000 for hurrying the work, thereby losing over $210,000 of the city's money. He said that when the city had $9,000 coming to it as a penalty from a contractor it did not collect and charged that was why the city is running behind.

He also said the city is losing much money by permitting bonds to remain in banks paying over 4 per cent. interest and receiving but 3 from the banks.

President H. L. Schneider of the club did not seem too familiar with the names of the candidates and introduced Mr. Davis as "Harry C. Davis." Mr. Davis said he was glad to appear before what appeared to be "the livest bunch in Cleveland."

Referring to the name "Handshaker L. Davis" given him two years ago, he said:

"I like to see a man extend the right hand of good fellowship and a smile."

Mr. Davis spoke as if he considered only himself and Mr. Witt in the race. He said:

"My throat is in bad shape and I will not talk long. But I would like to see you all at the Grays armory tomorrow night to hear both candidates give their sides of the issues in this campaign.

"Though I am running on a nonpartisan ticket I want it understood that I am a Republican. It is high time we were thinking of victory in 1916. I feel we should have in power the party which gives us good times and prosperity whether there is a war in Europe or not.

"That is the Republican party and I am the Republican candidate. On Nov. 2 Mr. Witt or myself will be made mayor of Cleveland and a vote for any other candidate will be wasted."

He spoke against the $1,500,000 deficiency bond issue and said the young business men should insist that public officials should run the affairs of the city as private business should be run.

In speaking for Mr. Witt, Mr. Coughlin said:

"I shall not attempt to tell you of Mr. Witt's superiority over the other candidates. He asked me to talk to you about the deficit. May I suggest that, in listening to Mr. Norton talk, I was impressed with what little Mr. Norton knows about

"We have never had any trouble in disposing of municipal bonds except at a time when every municipality in the country was facing a money panic and had the same trouble. They talk of what we owe and not of what we own.

"The total assets of the city of Cleveland reach $115,000,000 and our net indebtedness is not over $35,000,000. The water works funds have not been robbed. True, some of the money was used to equip the Denison-av light plant. That money has been paid back. The municipal lighting plant is a success, is turning in a surplus and is selling electricity at 3 cents a kilowat hour."

Discussing the action of the Chamber of Commerce opposing the $1,500,000 bond issue, Mr. Coughlin, reading from an annual report of the chamber, said that organization has a deficit which increases annually.

"Under the administration of H. H. Johnson the chamber had a deficit of $7,500, and under the administration of such an able business man as W. S. Hayden, its deficit was $11,000. The chamber charges this up to being responsive to the demands of the community.

"That is the same situation in which the city finds itself. Had I been mayor I would have done what has been done. It was either have a deficiency in operation or curtail the police or fire departments, cut down the street lighting, or attack the park system.

"Cleveland cannot do this. The financial situation of Cleveland is not due to expensive cost of government. It is because the city has been responsive to the demands of the community."

C. E. Ruthenberg spoke against both the Democratic and Republican parties. He said regulation of the street car lines here has failed and urged that his hearers vote for the ordinance providing for the municipal ownership of the car lines. He says the city will save between $400,000 and $500,000 by buying it now instead of twenty-five years from now.

"The Socialist party does not come to you with boxing as an issue. It does not tell you of the efficiency of its candidates in skinning. It presents a program to make this a better city for those who work."

Says Issue Is City to Live Within Its Means

Harry L. Davis, hoarse from campaign speaking at the rate of seven meetings a day, and husbanding his voice for the debate tonight at the Grays armory, last night, in a brief speech, told voters of the twenty-fourth ward that the big issue of this campaign is "shall the next administration live within its means?"

The meeting was held in the quarters of the Doan Republican club, 10413 St. Clair-av N. E.

"Shall the next mayor conduct the city's affairs on a basis that gives the city a dollar's worth of value for every dollar spent, shall the city live within its means as you and I have to do, or shall the public money continue to be wasted and squandered?" he cried.

His answer was, "No, the next mayor must conduct the affairs of the city like the affairs of a private business concern, he must practice economy in city affairs."

"If this policy had been followed in the past," the candidate continued, "you would not at this election be asked to approve a bond issue of $1,500,000 to make up deficiencies in the city's bills for running expenses."

He advised the voters to reject this bond issue, explaining that the short time notes on which the money was borrowed could be renewed every six months, the notes bearing from 3 to 3 1-2 per cent. interest, while an issue of bonds would run for twenty years and bear 4 or 4 1-2 per cent. interest.

ILL THROAT MAKES WITT QUIT STUMP

Pete in Hot Tilt Refuses to Say Whether He Will Reappoint Allen.

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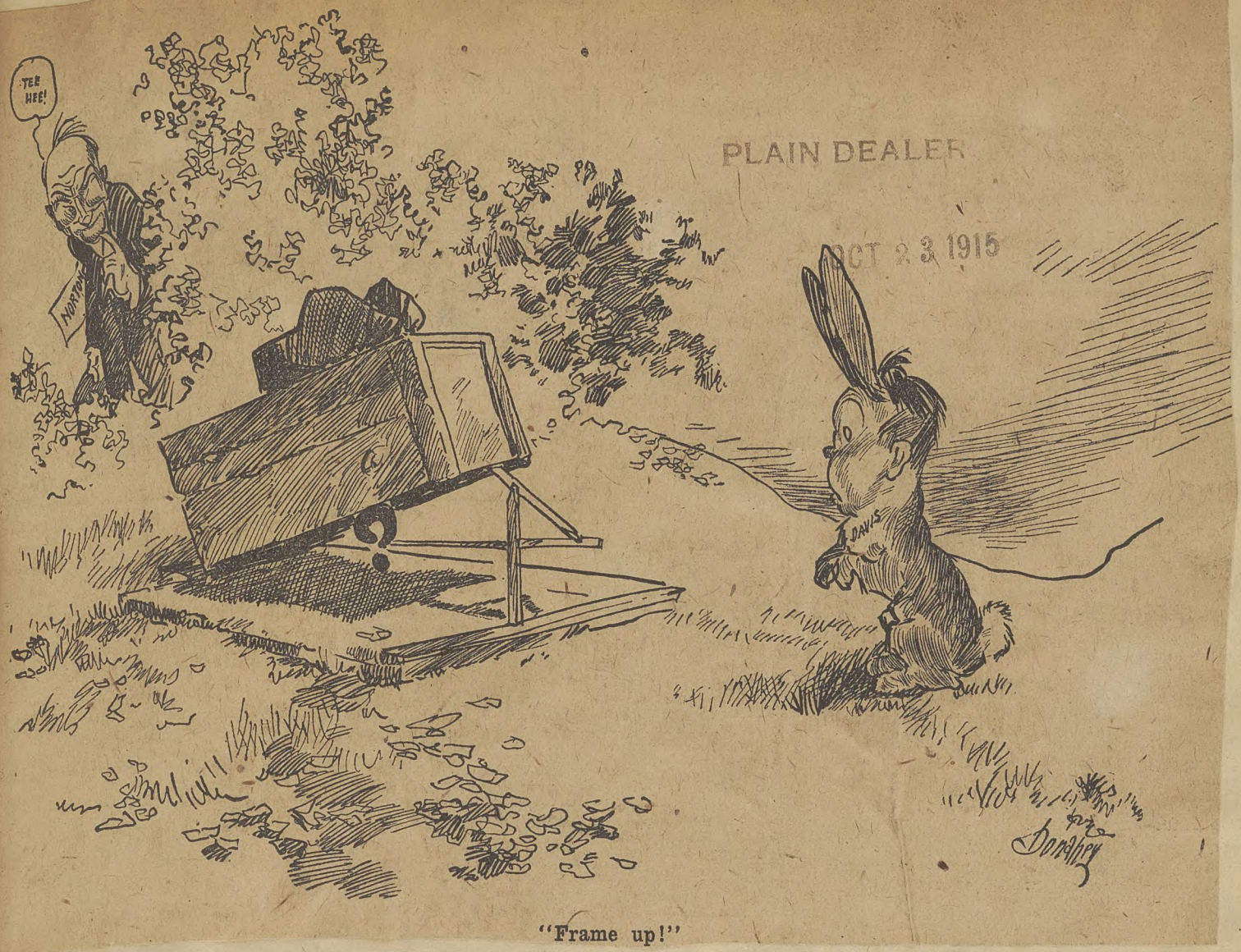
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"Frame up!"

Cramming for the Debate



CITY REFUNDS $11 WHEN MAN HECKLES SPEAKERS

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Charges Charter "Joker."

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"This city today has the worst credit of any city in the country," said Norton. "It can't hock its bonds at any price. Not many years ago its credit was the best of all cities. This condition has been brought about by unbusinesslike management of city affairs. Bond money is lying in the bank drawing only 3 per cent interest. The city is paying the holders of these same bonds 5 per cent interest, thus losing 2 per cent. Is that good management?

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CAMPAIGN SIDELIGHTS

Indorsement either of Harry L. Davis or Miner G. Norton for mayor likely will come at a meeting of the Western Reserve club next Wednesday night, when the club holds an open meeting.

The club is taking a straw vote of its members on the candidates for mayor—all six of them. Postal cards have been mailed the 625 members asking them to vote their choice, first, second and third, just as they would on a ballot. The result will be made known Wednesday night and the Republican receiving the highest number of votes probably will receive the club's indorsement.

Candidates for the municipal bench and for clerk of the municipal court will be invited to speak before the club.

The club rooms will be open tonight before and after the Davis-Witt debate.

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C. C. Bultman, president of the Lakewood civil service commission, member of the Lakewood charter commission and candidate for council, has challenged A. Nieding, who is opposed to the Madison-av street car extension franchise, to debate the franchise proposition.

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Johnny Kilbane, featherweight champion, will be chairman of a political meeting at Jimmie Dunn's gymnasium, 2900 W. 14th-st, next Monday evening. Speakers will be Peter Witt, Judge W. H. McGannon, Peter Henry and J. J. Hogan, candidate for council.

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Friends of Miner G. Norton yesterday said the remarks of Candidate Harry L. Davis before the Northeastern Republican club Thursday night would prove beneficial to Mr. Norton's candidacy. Mr. Norton said it would cost Mr. Davis hundreds of votes, which would be turned over to Mr. Norton.

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John H. Brown, candidate for mayor of Lakewood, will address the Fourth Ward Nonpartisan John Brown club tonight at a meeting in Goetzford's hall, Newman and W. Madison-avs, Lakewood. Among other speakers will be W. A. Greenlund, former lieutenant governor of Ohio, and Edward Stolder, candidate for assessor.

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Richard Koeppel, Socialist Labor candidate for mayor, beginning Monday will hold daily meetings on the Public square at 1:30 p. m. He will address a mass meeting at 3 p. m. tomorrow at 2209 Ontario-st.

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Supporters of Miner G. Norton in the twenty-third ward met last night in Norton headquarters, 504 Society for Savings building, and perfected an organization. Every precinct in the ward was represented. Harry Lingenfelter made an address on "Organization." Thomas Duncan was elected ward leader and Harry J. Katz, secretary. Plans were made for a mass meeting Tuesday night in Stocke's hall, 6021 St. Clair-av N. E., at which Candidate Norton will speak.

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Harry L. Diebel, candidate for council in the fourth ward, will make an open air address at 9 this evening at Lorain-av and Fulton-rd.

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Twenty young men met yesterday in the Cuyahoga restaurant and formed the Young Men's Norton Republican club. Raymond E. Hyre is president and W. C. Bracken secretary. The club will meet every Friday at the restaurant.

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Attorney L. I. Litzler, candidate for council in the fourth ward, held open air meetings last night at Lorain-av and W. 20th-st, and at Freeman-av S. W. and Columbus-rd. He is to hold two meetings each night next week.

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Councilman A. J. Dittrick of the first ward was indorsed for re-election last night at a meeting of the First Ward Dittrick club at 8700 Lorain-av.

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Speaking at a house meeting at the home of W. R. Jones, 1309 Belle-av, Lakewood, John H. Brown, candidate for mayor of Lakewood, criticized the management of the city's waterworks department and denied Mayor C. W. Tyler's claim that the salary system is better than the fee system for paying city engineers.

He charged the salary system under Mayor Tyler was more expensive than the fee system and said that while Mr. Tyler is praising the salary system and condemning the fee system he recently employed Engineer R. W. Pratt of Cleveland to draw plans and specifications for a new disposal plant on a percentage basis, and that the people of Lakewood are now paying engineers on both the salary and fee systems.

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The Independent Citizen club has called a mass meeting for tomorrow evening at 7 at Royal hall, 5217 Woodland-av S. E., and has invited as speakers Mayor Newton D. Baker, Peter Witt, Harry L. Davis, Judge Samuel Kramer, George P. Baer, Samuel H. Silbert, Peter Henry and Councilman Alex Bernstein.

WHY FITZSIMONS IS FOR WITT

EDITOR'S NOTE—Fitzsimons is a member of the Cleveland Foundation and was a delegate to the constitutional convention. He was the author of the amendment to the constitution that gave Home Rule to cities.

By Thos. G. Fitzsimons.

I am for Peter Witt for mayor of Cleveland. I am for him because he has all the elements to make a first-class mayor of a first-class city. He has honesty, courage, experience, initiative and ability.

Many men have asked me when Witt began his fight against special privilege. My answer is that he was born in the fight. I first met him in the latter '80's, before he was of voting age. He was then, as he has been ever since, on the firing line.

I could not begin to enumerate all the fights in which Peter Witt has taken part. Among the first in which we were together was when a "convenient" council was preparing to put thru a franchise with a steam roller and as little publicity as possible.

We chanced to learn of the plans on the day the franchise was to be granted. We went to the public hearing to which the people were invited and found the council chamber filled with the representatives of the street railway company. Not a citizen was present.

We protested against the franchise being granted at that time and asked that the people be given an opportunity to be heard. The council refused to grant our request. Whereupon we announced that we would not leave the council chamber until the people had been given an opportunity to be heard. We remained in our seats until the police were called and we were arrested. We were taken to the police station, but were released on our own recognizance.

The next day the franchise was withdrawn and the people were given an opportunity to be heard. Then the franchise was defeated.

Witt was the leader in this fight, defying the police who threatened to arrest him. A crowd of a thousand men gathered and we marched to the council chamber. Our presence so influenced the councilmen that they did not think it wise to grant the franchise at that time or afterward.

Fights Against Franchise Bills.

Among the fights I have seen in which Witt was in the forefront were those against the 99-year franchise bill and the 50-year franchise bill, both of which sought to make it possible for councils to award street railway franchises for more than 25 years. In Cincinnati the street railways are operated under the 50-year franchise bill.

He battled in 1899 and 1900 against the notorious "Thirteen" council, which was trying to give the Cleveland street railways a 25-year franchise. Had this franchise been granted it would have forced the people of Cleveland to pay higher tribute for the use of their own streets and we would not now be enjoying transportation at cost. Much of the credit for defeating this infamous franchise belongs to Witt.

Witt was the leader in the fight against the attempt of the council to set aside thousands of dollars for a private block under the pretense that it was a centennial celebration.

In all of Tom L. Johnson's fights for three-cent fare Witt was by his side.

It was Witt who did the most of the work in Johnson's battle to force the steam railways to pay a fair proportion of taxes. In fact, in all of Johnson's taxation fights Witt was the right hand man.

Witt Challenges Admiration of All.

I have watched Peter Witt from boyhood to manhood; from Public square orator to a leader of thought in his city—to the constructive genius that he has shown himself to be in his conduct of the office of street railway commissioner. I agree thoroughly with Col. J. W. Conse... recently said:

"A man who can go into a business he knows nothing about, and in three years completely revolutionize it as Peter Witt has in the management of our street railway system is a man worthy of the confidence of his fellow citizens. Witt has done this."

HOW TO VOTE ON HARDEST BALLOT

Explanation of Eleven Questions Pertaining to City of Cleveland.

PLAIN DEALER

Fate of Great Projects Involving Millions in Hands of Electors.

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Of the eight ballots to be handed the Cleveland voter when he enters his booth Nov. 2, the one he will have the most difficulty in marking intelligently unless it has been given careful previous study is the ballot bearing the eleven public questions pertaining to Cleveland.

The fate of three mammoth railroad projects, four important proposals to issue bonds in the aggregate sum of $3,100,000, a special tax levy sufficient to raise $2,000,000, two amendments to the city charter and decision as to whether the city shall purchase the Clevelanad Railway Co. at a cost of more than $34,000,000 depend on the way the voters mark this ballot.

It is reproduced here for guidance of voters who have not acquainted themselves with the issues listed on it. Study it. If you wish, mark this reproduction and take it with you to the booth as a guide to facilitate the marking of the official ballot.

Here are the questions you will decide on this ballot:

Left hand column, top question (headed ordinance 36708-A)—This is the Cleveland & Youngstown freight terminal franchise, submitted to referendum. A vote for the ordinance means you approve the franchise voted by council to permit the C. & Y. to construct a great freight terminal in the lower Broadway S. E. district. A vote against the ordinance means you oppose the franchise and favor its defeat.

Left hand column, next to top (headed ordinance 37904-A)—This is the Union depot ordinance, submitted to referendum. A vote for the ordinance means you approve the ordinance passed by council as the culmination of years of negotiations between the city and the railroads, establishing an agreement under terms of which the railroads will erect a new Union station and the city trades certain lake front lands with the railroads. A vote against the ordinance means you wish to defeat the proposal.

Left hand column, third from top (headed ordinance 36233-A)—This is the Barber subway grant, submitted to a referendum. It is a grant voted by council to allow the Cleveland, Akron & Canton Terminal Railway Co. to construct a freight subway under E. 55th-st. Voters should familiarize themselves with the wording of this proposal, as the term "Barber subway" does not appear in the title. A vote for the ordinance means you approve the franchise voted by council. A vote against the ordinance means you oppose the franchise.

Left hand column, next to bottom (To amend section 28 of the charter, etc.)—This is a proposal to give annexed territories, Lakewood and East Cleveland, for instance, if they became part of Cleveland, their own representation by wards in the city council.

Left hand column, bottom (To amend the charter, etc.)—This is an amendment proposed by the Cleveland Federation of Labor, establishing a minimum wage of $2.50 a day on city work.

Right hand column, top question; this is the so-called deficiency bond issue of $1,500,000. It is to wipe out the existing deficit in the city's revenues.

Right hand column, next to top; this is a proposal for a special tax levy sufficient to raise $2,000,000 to complete the city sewerage disposal system.

Right hand column, third from top (headed Initiated Ordinance No. 38010)—This is an ordinance initiated by the Socialist party of Cleveland proposing purchase by the city of the Cleveland Railway Co.'s property. The estimated cost is more than $34,000,000, for which the Socialists propose the sale of mortgage bonds. A vote for the ordinance means you favor immediate purchase of the street railway system. A vote against the ordinance means you oppose the purchase.

Right hand column, fourth from top—This is a proposal to issue $100,000 in bonds to cover cost of ten public comfort stations, to be constructed, if the issue is approved, at the ten busiest street intersections.

Right hand column, next to bottom—This is a proposal to issue $300,000 in bonds to extend Carnegie-av S. E. from E. 89th-st to University circle.

Right hand column, bottom—this is a proposal to issue $1,600,000 in bonds to pay the city's share of the cost of eliminating all Pennsylvania and Nickel Plate grade crossings on the East Side.

FACSIMILE OF BALLOT ON BIG CITY PROJECTS

PLAIN DEALER

REFERENDUM ON ORDINANCE No. 36708-A.

To vote FOR the ordinance place a crossmark in the blank space to the left of the words—"FOR THE ORDINANCE."

To vote AGAINST the ordinance place a crossmark in the blank space to the left of the words—"AGAINST THE ORDINANCE."

ORDINANCE NO. 36708-A.

"An ordinance to amend and supplement Sections 1, 2-2a, 2-29, 2-30, 2-31, 2-32, 2-33, 2-34, 2-35, 2-36, 2-37, 2-38, 2-39, 2-40, 2-41, 2-42, 2-43 and 16 of Ordinance No. 23307-B, entitled, 'An Ordinance Authorizing and Empowering The Cleveland & Youngstown Railroad Company to lay, construct, maintain and operate a railroad across certain streets in the city of Cleveland, hereafter named, upon the terms and conditions hereinafter specified,' passed May 6th, 1912, as amended by Ordinance No. 34976-A, entitled, 'An Ordinance to Amend Sections 1 and 2 of Ordinance No. 23307-B, entitled, 'An Ordinance authorizing and empowering The Cleveland & Youngstown Railroad Company to lay, construct, maintain and operate a railroad across certain streets in the city of Cleveland, hereinafter named, upon the terms and conditions hereinafter specified,' passed Nov. 30th, 1914."

FOR THE ORDINANCE

AGAINST THE ORDINANCE

REFERENDUM ON ORDINANCE, NO. 37904-A.

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ORDINANCE NO. 37904-A

"An ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into a contract with the New York Central Railroad Company, the Pennsylvania Company (operating the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad), The Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad Company and the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway Company for the conveyance of land for a union passenger station and the extension of railroad rights-of-way, providing for the acquisition by the city of Cleveland of certain lands to be made east of E. 9th st. in exchange for the city's rights in Bath st. N. W., and providing for the settlement of controversies pending and the development of the lake front between Edgewater park and E. 26th st. and upon Whiskey Island."

FOR THE ORDINANCE

AGAINST THE ORDINANCE

REFERENDUM ON ORDINANCE NO. 36233-A.

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ORDINANCE NO. 36233-A.

"An ordinance granting to The Cleveland, Akron & Canton Terminal Railway Company, an Ohio corporation, its successors and assigns, the right to construct and maintain and operate therein an underground railroad for the transportation of freight along and under certain public roads, streets, alleys, ways and grounds in the city of Cleveland and to regulate and maintain suitable approaches for the same and defining the routes."

FOR THE ORDINANCE

AGAINST THE ORDINANCE

AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND.

To vote FOR the amendment place a crossmark in the blank space to the left of the words—"FOR THE AMENDMENT."

To vote AGAINST the amendment place a crossmark in the blank space to the left of the words—"AGAINST THE AMENDMENT."

To amend Section 28 of the Charter of the city of Cleveland in order to give separate representation in the City Council to newly annexed territory

FOR THE AMENDMENT

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT

AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND.

To vote FOR the amendment place a crossmark in the blank space to the left of the words—"FOR THE AMENDMENT."

To vote AGAINST the amendment place a crossmark in the blank space to the left of the words—"AGAINST THE AMENDMENT."

To amend the Charter of the city of Cleveland, supplementing the same by the addition thereto of two new sections to be known as Sections 196-1 and 196-2, providing for standard wages with a minimum wage of $2.50 per day of 8 hours, on work done for the city of Cleveland, by contractors.

FOR THE AMENDMENT

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT

"Shall the bonds of the city of Cleveland be issued in the sum of $1,500,000.00 for the purpose of supplying a deficiency in the revenues of the city of Cleveland?"

FOR THE ISSUE OF BONDS

AGAINST THE ISSUE OF BONDS

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"Shall a levy be made of an additional one-fourth of one mill upon the tax duplicate to pay interest and to provide a sinking fund for bonds to be issued to carry out orders of the state board of health issued prior to June 1, 1915, for the installation of works to prevent the pollution of the Cuyahoga river and Lake Erie?"

For an additional levy of taxes for the purpose of paying interest and providing a sinking fund for bonds to be issued to carry out orders of the state board of health to cease the pollution of the Cuyahoga river and Lake Erie, not exceeding one-fourth of one mill.

YES

For an additional levy of taxes for the purpose of paying interest and providing a sinking fund for bonds to be issued to carry out orders of the state board of health to cease the pollution of the Cuyahoga river and Lake Erie, not exceeding one-fourth of one mill.

NO

INITIATED ORDINANCE NO. 38010.

To vote FOR the ordinance place a crossmark in the blank space to the left of the words—"FOR THE ORDINANCE."

To vote AGAINST the ordinance place a crossmark in the blank space to the left of the words—"AGAINST THE ORDINANCE."

INITIATED ORDINANCE NO. 38010.

"An ordinance authorizing the purchase of the property of The Cleveland Railway Company by the city of Cleveland, and the issue and sale of mortgage bonds and the passage of a franchise as security for such bonds."

FOR THE ORDINANCE

AGAINST THE ORDINANCE

"Shall the bonds of the city of Cleveland be issued in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.00) for the purpose of erecting and equipping Comfort Stations in the city of Cleveland and for purchasing or condemning the necessary land therefor?"

FOR THE ISSUE OF BONDS

AGAINST THE ISSUE OF BONDS

"Shall the bonds of the city of Cleveland be issued in the sum of $300,000.00, for the purpose of purchasing and condemning the necessary land for, and for the improving, opening, widening and extending of Carnegie Ave. S. E.?"

FOR THE ISSUE OF BONDS

AGAINST THE ISSUE OF BONDS

"Shall the bonds of the city of Cleveland be issued in the sum of $1,600,000.00 for the purpose of defraying the city's portion of the cost of abolishing railroad grade crossings of the streets and highways?"

FOR THE ISSUE OF BONDS

AGAINST THE ISSUE OF BONDS

'I COULD NOT LOSE IF I REALLY TRIED'

Norton Says His Opponents Are on Toboggan; Sees Sure Victory.

'Talk Taxes,' He Urges Workers Who Will Boost His Cause.

OCT 24 1915

Speakers before the committee of 500 of the Miner G. Norton organization at the Alley club, E. 4th-st, last night told the body of workers who gathered for final instructions, that all the mayoralty candidates except Mr. Norton were on the toboggan slide; that Mr. Norton was gaining and coming like a race horse to sure victory.

"In the campaign not a dollar has been paid a worker, not a promise has been made or sought by anyone. The only promise I have made is for good government. I shall run the city in the interests of the people," said Mr. Norton.

"The change in the sentiment in the past seven days has been marked," said Chairman F. J. Van Wye. "We have been getting stronger and our opponents have been getting weaker."

"I don't believe in speaking ill of the dead; therefore I will follow my custom of saying nothing against the candidates opposing us," was the way James W. Holcomb prefaced his remarks in which he declared that Harry L. Davis had slandered thousands of his friends who were with him two years ago.

"It is a sure indication of defeat when a candidate resorts to the methods he has.

"When Peter Witt has lost his voice in the campaign there will not be a grease spot left of him."

"I think different," declared Capt. P. A. MacKenzie. "If Pete Witt should lose his voice throughout the campaign he would have a great many votes."

"This is a tug of war," said Mr. Norton, as he was introduced. "When the campaign started the other side had all the rope. Now the knot is in the middle and it remains for you to pull it over.

"The other candidates have started on the toboggan while we have met with no set-backs from the start of the campaign. If I am elected every man will have to stand on his own worth in the city government. The people are demanding that I be elected for good government. I could not lose if I wanted to.

"Just tell the people that they are being taxed, taxed, taxed and that the bonded indebtedness of the city is going up, up, up. That is the argument which will win for us—that and work at the polls on election day."

Among other speakers were former Judge J. C. Bloch, H. D. Lingfeldter and Guy O. Farquharson.

Organization of ward and precinct workers is to be perfected tomorrow and tomorrow night in Mr. Norton's office in the Society for Savings building. A mass meeting was announced for Friday night in Grays armory.

DIN FILLS ARMORY AS WITT AND DAVIS CLASH OVER ISSUES

Hall of the Grays, Jammed to Doors Fifteen Minutes Before Debate Starts, Closed by Police.

PLAIN DEALER

Witt Tells Vision of Grander Cleveland; Davis Says 'I Have No Great Vision.'

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REPUBLICAN URGES 'CITY ON LEVEL, NOT IN HOLE'

Commissioner Asks Opponent Where He'd Save; 'End All Waste,' Reply.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Frenzied partisans in as great an assemblage as the Grays armory could hold—2,000 men and women were turned away—cheered themselves hoarse last night when Peter Witt and Harry L. Davis debated the issues of the mayoralty campaign.

The debate was set for 8:30 p. m. At 8:15 police closed the doors and began refusing admittance to the host that pressed into the entrance way, only to leave again in disappointment.

Police stood in each aisle downstairs and in the balconies. Attempts at heckling were disregarded or quieted when police walked toward the disturbers. But nothing could quell the howls of delight with which each side received the emphasized arguments of its favorite, or the grumbles and laughter of disapproval of the other side. One group of the Davis following went equipped with rattlers and horns to increase the din.

Witt Speaks First.

The administration candidate opened the debate with an address of thirty minutes. Mr. Davis followed with thirty, then each in turn had fifteen minutes of rebuttal. Judge Fielder Sanders of municipal court, chairman of the Davis organization committee, presided.

Councilman W. B. Woods held the watch for Mr. Davis, and the Republican also was accompanied by Councilman W. S. FitzGerald and Pierre A. White. Councilman James J. McGinty was time keeper for Mr. Witt. Also with the street railway commissioner were Director of Finance Thomas Coughlin, Director of Public Service T. L. Sidlo and Joseph Alexander, engineer of the commissioner's office.

Mr. Witt in beginning, discussed his program as to taxation, street paving, consolidation or interchange of service by the two telephone companies, and stood on his record as street railway commissioner.

Mr. Davis, terming the great issue of the campaign the question whether the next mayor shall live within his means, proposed to "eliminate all waste and extravagance." He cited figures in support of his contention that the administration of Mayor Newton D. Baker has been wasteful. He charged Mr. Witt with responsibility for the increase in car fare, and urged against approval of the $1,500,000 deficiency bond issue.

Yells of "Skin him, Pete!" when Mr. Witt smashed over a point, and yells of "Get 'im, Harry!" when Mr. Davis shot out his fist with an argument, punctuated the speeches.

Queries Davis on Saving.

Mr. Witt in rebuttal said he wanted Mr. Davis to tell which expenditures made by the city in 1915 he would cut down, and how. He handed the list, totaling $4,515,000, to his opponent.

Mr. Davis in rebuttal used only a few minutes of the fifteen allowed. His answer to the commissioner's question was that he would cut out "the waste and extravagance that's now going on." While part of the crowd yelled "How?" he explained he intended making a saving in one direction by mailing sidewalk repair notices instead of having a $75 a month employe serve them, and by having policemen report violations of the smoke ordinance instead of inspectors.

Mr. Witt opened the debate:

"In this campaign it's Pete Witt against the field," he said. "If you've paid any attention to the opposition I think you'll agree neither of the other three is offering any constructive work. The three are standing on the sidewalk throwing bricks at the train goes by. That will avail nothing to them or to you. The man to be elected mayor a week from next Tuesday must be judged by his past.

"Some of us have been helping to write in letters of fire on the universal sign that all may read of the greatness of Cleveland. We also propose work for the future."

The commissioner told his stand for carrying to the legislature a mayor of Cleveland a demand for change in the tax laws to give Cleveland $500,000 collected here, that annually goes to the county for county roads, $400,000 that goes to the state for state roads, and $500,000 of liquor license revenue collected in the city that goes to the state.

He told of his proposal to pay for repaving by levying a tax against the value of the land, exclusive of improvements, which he said would raise enough money in two years to repave all the principal thoroughfares without issuing a bond. He said the two telephone companies should be forced to exchange service if they would not consolidate. He said he wanted to thank "the opposition" for bringing up the question of street railways.

"I am glad," he cried, "for friend and foe must admit that in three years and nine months I've been on the job! I brought a pile of junk up to the finest railway, not in the United States alone, but in the world. The fighting leader of the minority from the time my name was mentioned opposed every improvement made. The fighting minority opposed buying trailer cars. They said they would kill all the people and there would be no one left for the motors to carry. We had that on no less authority than Gen. FitzGerald himself."

There was a general roar and Councilman FitzGerald, sitting beside Mr. Davis, smiled broadly.

Mr. Witt said the only record of "Gerry Dahl's" twenty-two months as commissioner was the "$1,000 a month paid him to acquire the habit of playing golf." He spoke of extensions and cross town lines constructed.

"That's work and that's a record which speaks for itself," he cried to the crowd. He spoke of the assertion that he is "too close to John Stanley." He said the moment a commissioner as the city's partner and a president as the company's partner in the partnership, which he declared is the Tayler grant, failed to agree, the grant would fall to the ground.

It was in rebuttal he asked Mr. Davis where he would save, renewed his proposal to give 3-cent light by March 1 by enlarging the municipal plant if the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. doesn't reduce its rates, and closed in these sentences:

"This thing of throwing bricks as the train passes by gets you nothing. This constant repetition, 'I'm going to save, eliminate waste'—we heard it for fifteen years, and in a moment of weakness and forgetfulness the people defeated Tom Johnson, and you had two years you've been trying to forget ever since!

"The man aspiring to the high office of mayor who can only criticize isn't worthy of the office. In my forty-six years I've been dreaming, seeing visions. Thirty years ago when I stood on the street corners preaching my doctrine, I saw the golden days ahead, I pictured men working eight hours a day instead of ten, of conditions worth living in."

A lone cry of "Amen" raised an interrupting laugh, soon hushed.

"I see a bigger and grander Cleveland. That day is coming. The march of progress is within us. I call upon you to compare the city of Cleveland in the fifteen years my side has been in power with any thirty years in history!"

Thundering applause went up as he ended.

Mr. Davis in opening was greeted with a long and loud demonstration, the rattling of rattles and tooting of horns. He said he also wanted Mr. Witt to be judged by his past and that he wanted to be judged by his own past, confident of the result. Whether the next mayor shall live within his means is the issue, he declared.

"They say it can't be done," he urged. "Of course they say that. If they admitted they could live within their means, they would have to admit there has been waste and extravagance in thirteen of the past fifteen years. Of course, the next mayor's task will be difficult if he is of the present mayor's choice, if he is a man who has to conceal and hide things in the city hall. But if he is a man of courage, he'll start at the top and go to the bottom, eliminating all waste and extravagance, and that's what I propose to do as your mayor!

"I propose that the people of Cleveland shall get a dollar's worth of service for every dollar expended. In my opinion if there was more real work and fewer bosses on the job, we'd get better results all the way through."

He declared in favor of forcing consolidation of the two telephone companies, declaring the telephone business to be a natural monopoly, and then turned to his record as street railroad commissioner.

"As the fighting leader of the opposition said, I didn't know anything about the job when I became street railroad commissioner," said Mr. Witt, "but in three and one-half years I made a pile of junk into the finest street railroad system, not in this country, but in the world."

Mr. Davis, who followed him with a thirty-minute speech, devoted himself to charges of extravagance and cited figures to prove his assertions that the city government was wasteful in expenditure of public funds.

"One of the things I shall do when I am mayor is to insist on a continuous audit of the books of the city so that every citizen may know the city's financial condition at all times," he said.

Mr. Davis read these figures showing city expenditures: Wages and salaries, for 1910, were $3,200,000, and for 1914, $4,423,000; charities and correction, 1914, $698,000, with $798,000 asked and $3,000 less appropriated by council for 1915, with additional appropriations for 1915 totaling $118,000. He said the West Side tunnel would cost a total of $2,300,000 with the city doing the work, although $1,025,000 was bid by contractors. He said the boat City of Mt. Clemens was purchased for $6,539 and had cost $30,000 for maintenance and repair. He said the city lost $154,000 on the Casey contract for constructing the filter plant. He spoke of the municipal orchestra, costing $12,000 a year, and said the old workhouse property on Woodland-av S. E., worth $200,000 is being used as a store house. He declared the Union-av S. E. model allotment cost $120,000, that the project has been abandoned and efforts made to sell the property, and that the highest bid has been $90,000.

"I feel I have proved my charges on waste," he said as he finished reading. "Now I'll tell you what I purpose to do to eliminate waste."

"You'll do as Herman Baehr did!" someone cried and there was a laugh. Mr. Davis proposed a continuous audit of the city books as provided by the charter, consolidation of the departments of lighting and water and of street cleaning and street paving as a means to saving and better service. He declared, with reference to what Mr. Witt said about street railways, "there'd be no need of a commissioner if he wasn't the one who bought cars and extended lines."

He said if Mr. Witt intended to take credit for extending the company's property, he also must take the blame for the increase in fare. Over 30 per cent. of the car riders today are paying 4 cents, he said. He charged "car workers have been speeded up to the point of inhumanity." He asked why the things talked of by Mr. Witt had not been accomplished in the thirteen years his side had been in power.

He said Mayor Baker had talked of the telephone problem, but nothing had been done.

"Mr. Witt has been good asking questions, but he hasn't answered a thing I asked him," Mr. Davis shot at the crowd in rebuttal. "He says he'll do something sixty days after election. Why doesn't he do it now?

"I haven't any great vision. I want to see this town on the level, not in the hole! I want to see this town on the square, up and doing things all the time, bringing industries here, the sort of industries that have right working conditions and pay a living wage!"

Cheers went up as Mr. Davis ended, and the multitude started out of the hall.

WARRENSVILLE FARMS TARGET OF CANDIDATES

LEADER

Four Nominees for Mayor Criticize City's Welfare Department at City—Club Meeting.

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Four mayoralty candidates seized the opportunity offered them by an invitation to address the City Club at the Hollenden Hotel yesterday noon to denounce the manner in which the Warresville correction farms and other municipal welfare department activities are being conducted.

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Commissioner Asks Opponent Where He'd Save; 'End All Waste,' Reply.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Frenzied partisans in as great an assemblage as the Grays armory could hold—2,000 men and women were turned away—cheered themselves hoarse last night when Peter Witt and Harry L. Davis debated the issues of the mayoralty campaign.

The debate was set for 8:30 p. m. At 8:15 police closed the doors and began refusing admittance to the host that pressed into the entrance way, only to leave again in disappointment.

Police stood in each aisle downstairs and in the balconies. Attempts at heckling were disregarded or quieted when police walked toward the disturbers. But nothing could quell the howls of delight with which each side received the emphasized arguments of its favorite, or the grumbles and laughter of disapproval of the other side. One group of the Davis following went equipped with rattlers and horns to increase the din.

Witt Speaks First.

The administration candidate opened the debate with an address of thirty minutes. Mr. Davis followed with thirty, then each in turn had fifteen minutes of rebuttal. Judge Fielder Sanders of municipal court, chairman of the Davis organization committee, presided.

Councilman W. B. Woods held the watch for Mr. Davis, and the Republican also was accompanied by Councilman W. S. FitzGerald and Pierre A. White. Councilman James J. McGinty was time keeper for Mr. Witt. Also with the street railway commissioner were Director of Finance Thomas Coughlin, Director of Public Service T. L. Sidlo and Joseph Alexander, engineer of the commissioner's office.

Mr. Witt in beginning, discussed his program as to taxation, street paving, consolidation or interchange of service by the two telephone companies, and stood on his record as street railway commissioner.

Mr. Davis, terming the great issue of the campaign the question whether the next mayor shall live within his means, proposed to "eliminate all waste and extravagance." He cited figures in support of his contention that the administration of Mayor Newton D. Baker has been wasteful. He charged Mr. Witt with responsibility for the increase in car fare, and urged against approval of the $1,500,000 deficiency bond issue.

Yells of "Skin him, Pete!" when Mr. Witt smashed over a point, and yells of "Get 'im, Harry!" when Mr. Davis shot out his fist with an argument, punctuated the speeches.

Queries Davis on Saving.

Mr. Witt in rebuttal said he wanted Mr. Davis to tell which expenditures made by the city in 1915 he would cut down, and how. He handed the list, totaling $4,515,000, to his opponent.

Mr. Davis in rebuttal used only a few minutes of the fifteen allowed. His answer to the commissioner's question was that he would cut out "the waste and extravagance that's now going on." While part of the crowd yelled "How?" he explained he intended making a saving in one direction by mailing sidewalk repair notices instead of having a $75 a month employe serve them, and by having policemen report violations of the smoke ordinance instead of inspectors.

Mr. Witt opened the debate:

"In this campaign it's Pete Witt against the field," he said. "If you've paid any attention to the opposition I think you'll agree neither of the other three is offering any constructive work. The three are standing on the sidewalk throwing bricks at the train goes by. That will avail nothing to them or to you. The man to be elected mayor a week from next Tuesday must be judged by his past.

"Some of us have been helping to write in letters of fire on the universal sign that all may read of the greatness of Cleveland. We also propose work for the future."

The commissioner told his stand for carrying to the legislature a mayor of Cleveland a demand for a change in the tax laws to give Cleveland $500,000 collected here, that annually goes to the county for county roads, $400,000 that goes to the state for state roads, and $500,000 of liquor license revenue collected in the city that goes to the state.

He told of his proposal to pay for repaving by levying a tax against the value of the land, exclusive of improvements, which he said would raise enough money in two years to repave all the principal thoroughfares without issuing a bond. He said the two telephone companies should be forced to exchange service if they would not consolidate. He said he wanted to thank "the opposition" for bringing up the question of street railways.

"I am glad," he cried, "for friend and foe must admit that in three years and nine months I've been on the job! I brought a pile of junk up to the finest railway, not in the United States alone, but in the world. The fighting leader of the minority from the time my name was mentioned opposed every improvement we made. The fighting minority opposed buying trailer cars. They said they would kill all the people and there would be no one left for the motors to carry. We had that on no less authority than Gen. FitzGerald himself."

There was a general roar and Councilman FitzGerald, sitting beside Mr. Davis, smiled broadly.

Mr. Witt said the only record of "Gerry Dahl's" twenty-two months as commissioner was the "$1,000 a month paid him to acquire the habit of playing golf." He spoke of extensions and cross town lines constructed.

"That's work and that's a record which speaks for itself," he cried to the crowd. He spoke of the assertion that he is "too close to John Stanley." He said the moment a commissioner as the city's partner and a president as the company's partner in the partnership, which he declared is the Tayler grant, failed to agree, the grant would fall to the ground.

It was in rebuttal he asked Mr. Davis where he would save, renewed his proposal to give 3-cent light by March 1 by enlarging the municipal plant if the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. doesn't reduce its rates, and closed in these sentences:

"This thing of throwing bricks as the train passes by gets you nothing. This constant repetition, 'I'm going to save, eliminate waste'—we heard it for fifteen years, and in a moment of weakness and forgetfulness the people defeated Tom Johnson, and you had two years you've been trying to forget ever since!

"The man aspiring to the high office of mayor who can only criticize isn't worthy of the office. In my forty-six years I've been dreaming, seeing visions. Thirty years ago when I stood on the street corners preaching my doctrine, I saw the golden days ahead, I pictured men working eight hours a day instead of ten, of conditions worth living in."

A lone cry of "Amen" raised an interrupting laugh, soon hushed.

"I see a bigger and grander Cleveland. That day is coming. The march of progress is within us. I call upon you to compare the city of Cleveland in the fifteen years my side has been in power with any thirty years in history!"

Thundering applause went up as he ended.

Mr. Davis in opening was greeted with a long and loud demonstration, the rattling of rattles and tooting of horns. He said he also wanted Mr. Witt to be judged by his past and that he wanted to be judged by his own past, confident of the result. Whether the next mayor shall live within his means is the issue, he declared.

"They say it can't be done," he urged. "Of course they say that. If they admitted they could live within their means, they would have to admit there has been waste and extravagance in thirteen of the past fifteen years. Of course, the next mayor's task will be difficult if he is of the present mayor's choice, if he is a man who has to conceal and hide things in the city hall. But if he is a man of courage, he'll start at the top and go to the bottom, eliminating all waste and extravagance, and that's what I propose to do as your mayor!

"I propose that the people of Cleveland shall get a dollar's worth of service for every dollar expended. In my opinion if there was more real work and fewer bosses on the job, we'd get better results all the way through."

He declared in favor of forcing consolidation of the two telephone companies, declaring the telephone business to be a natural monopoly, and then turned to his record as street railroad commissioner.

"As the fighting leader of the opposition said, I didn't know anything about the job when I became street railroad commissioner," said Mr. Witt, "but in three and one-half years I made a pile of junk into the finest street railroad system, not in this country, but in the world."

Mr. Davis, who followed him with a thirty-minute speech, devoted himself to charges of extravagance and cited figures to prove his assertions that the city government was wasteful in expenditure of public funds.

"One of the things I shall do when I am mayor is to insist on a continuous audit of the books of the city so that every citizen may know the city's financial condition at all times," he said.

Mr. Davis read these figures showing city expenditures: Wages and salaries, for 1910, were $3,200,000, and for 1914, $4,423,000; charities and correction, 1914, $698,000, with $795,000 asked and $3,000 less appropriated by council for 1915, with additional appropriations for 1915 totaling $118,000. He said the West Side tunnel would cost a total of $2,300,000 with the city doing the work, although $1,025,000 was bid by contractors. He said the boat City of Mt. Clemens was purchased for $6,539 and had cost $30,000 for maintenance and repair. He said the city lost $154,000 on the Casey contract for constructing the filter plant. He spoke of the municipal orchestra, costing $12,000 a year, and said the old workhouse property on Woodland-av S. E., worth $200,000 is being used as a store house. He declared the Union-av S. E. model allotment cost $120,000, that the project has been abandoned and efforts made to sell the property, and that the highest bid has been $90,000.

"I feel I have proved my charges on waste," he said as he finished reading. "Now I'll tell you what I purpose to do to eliminate waste."

"You'll do as Herman Baehr did!" someone cried and there was a laugh. Mr. Davis proposed a continuous audit of the city books as provided by the charter, consolidation of the departments of lighting and water and of street cleaning and street paving as a means to saving and better service. He declared, with reference to what Mr. Witt said about street railways, "there'd be no need of a commissioner if he wasn't the one who bought cars and extended lines."

He said if Mr. Witt intended to take credit for extending the company's property, he also must take the blame for the increase in fare. Over 30 per cent. of the car riders today are paying 4 cents, he said. He charged "car workers have been speeded up to the point of inhumanity." He asked why the things talked of by Mr. Witt had not been accomplished in the thirteen years his side had been in power.

He said Mayor Baker had talked of the telephone problem, but nothing had been done.

"Mr. Witt has been good asking questions, but he hasn't answered a thing I asked him," Mr. Davis shot at the crowd in rebuttal. "He says he'll do something sixty days after election. Why doesn't he do it now?

"I haven't any great vision. I want to see this town on the level, not in the hole! I want to see this town on the square, up and doing things all the time, bringing industries here, the sort of industries that have right working conditions and pay a living wage!"

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Norton declared the matter of appropriations for welfare work should be adjusted according to the city's revenues. He advocated extension of the recreational activities of the city and said that the violators of the health laws should be punished the same as any other offender against the statutes.

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Harry L. Davis rapped the administration of the City hospital as well as the present parole policy in force at the correction farms. He declared he would put at the head of the former institution a physician and a "man who wouldn't take every civil service examination that came along in the hope of getting a better job."

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Mayor Baker declared that he had consulted Witt about all of the questions asked and was only presenting the candidate's answers. Baker refuted the charge of Norton that influence had been brought to bear in the parole of Warrensville prisoners.

C. E. Ruthenberg declared the director of the welfare department under a Socialist administration would be a man of business as well as charitable training.

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"A man should be judged by his past. I have been making history in this city along with others. I intend to go onward and upward.

"One of the first promises that I made was to work for legislation that would turn into city coffers the $500,000 a year that we are giving to the county for outside roads and to retain in Cleveland the liquor license money that the state now gets and spends in aiding dry counties that are too good to sell booze but are willing to accept our booze money.

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"Made a Mistake."

"We made a mistake in granting the Ohio State Telephone Company a franchise. They should consolidate, and if they won't I intend to force them to. It is contended that in any exchange of service one or the other would go under. As for that, let the weak one get out of business.

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He avowed his close friendship with President Stanley, of the railway company, and lauded him for the way in which he was carrying out the Tayler grant. He declared it was his "duty" to be friendly with Stanley since, if he and the railway head couldn't agree, the Tayler grant would become void.

Davis declared he wanted Witt judged by his past and then launched into an attack upon his street railway commissionership.

"I say the issue is whether the next mayor will live within his means," proclaimed Davis. "Witt won't admit that the present revenues are enough, because that would be an admission that the administration has been extravagant."

"Tell us what you will do," broke in a heckler.

"I propose to get a dollar's worth of service for every dollar spent," Davis answered. "I won't hire two men for one man's work. I will give you a continuous audit, so you will be constantly informed as to where your money is going. I intend to consolidate the light and water departments and the street repair and street cleaning, thus saving money there."

Cites Figures.

Davis then cited figures showing an increase of $1,200,000 in salaries since 1910, the increased appropriation for the welfare department, the water tunnel being built by direct labor at $1,200,000 more than a contractor offered to construct it for and the employment of various experts, especially A. B. du Pont, at a salary of $1,000 a month. He reiterated his charge of bad business in awarding the filtration plant contract, charging the city lost $154,000 by it.

He also advocated the sale of the old workhouse, valued at $200,000, and use of the money for other purposes, as being better than using it as a storehouse.

"Witt has told you about his great achievements," said Davis. "If he didn't do his work, who would? He is getting paid for being on the job.

"But is it his duty to be friendly with President Stanley? In my opinion they are altogether too thick."

At this point a loud commotion interrupted the speaker and Davis declared he was "glad my friends gave Witt respectful attention, even if Democrats don't give me the same." He then read Tom L. Johnson's statement against the Tayler grant which declared that with the aid of a friendly commissioner the fare could be raised.

"Witt said two years ago we should leave three-cent fare in the hands of its friends," said Davis. "We thought we did, but the fare has gone up. Witt said three-cent fare would continue if he was left in power. He was left in power, but 30 per cent of the car riders are now paying four cents.

"Witt Must Take Blame."

"Witt must take the blame for the increase in fare. Is it reasonable to suppose that Stanley had nothing to do with the expenditure of these millions of dollars upon equipment and fancy car barns? I believe we should consider the workers' wages before we do palatial buildings."

Heckling punctuated much of Davis' talk at this point. Cheers also greeted many of his statements.

"Witt now says he would oust the Illuminating company. The Democrats have been in power for thirteen years; why haven't they done these many things they now promise before this?"

As Davis arose for his closing argument he was handed a list of questions as to what expenditures of the various city departments during the past year he would eliminate. Witt asked that Davis answer them. Davis ignored the demand.

"Witt attacked my administration of the city treasurer's office," said Davis. "I saved the entire expenses of running my office by collecting debts the Democrats had said were outlawed. Witt is now for municipal light. A short time ago he was for municipal ownership of street railways. Now he is against it. Why?

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"I ask my friends not to applaud," said Witt, "because I haven't much time. My opponent several months ago said he would debate me at any time. Several weeks ago he said he would not. Now he consents. Not one of my three opponents offers a constructive program of government. They are all standing on the sidewalk throwing bricks as the train goes by.

"A man should be judged by his past. I have been making history in this city along with others. I intend to go onward and upward.

"One of the first promises that I made was to work for legislation that would turn into city coffers the $500,000 a year that we are giving to the county for outside roads and to retain in Cleveland the liquor license money that the state now gets and spends in aiding dry counties that are too good to sell booze but are willing to accept our booze money.

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"We made a mistake in granting the Ohio State Telephone Company a franchise. They should consolidate, and if they won't I intend to force them to. It is contended that in any exchange of service one or the other would go under. As for that, let the weak one get out of business.

"I want to thank the other side for injecting the railway question into this campaign. I intended to keep it out. Every friend or foe of mine must admit I've been on the job as traction commissioner. I have brought the system from a junk pile to the finest line in the United States—yes, the world!"

He avowed his close friendship with President Stanley, of the railway company, and lauded him for the way in which he was carrying out the Tayler grant. He declared it was his "duty" to be friendly with Stanley since, if he and the railway head couldn't agree, the Tayler grant would become void.

Davis declared he wanted Witt judged by his past and then launched into an attack upon his street railway commissionership.

"I say the issue is whether the next mayor will live within his means," proclaimed Davis. "Witt won't admit that the present revenues are enough, because that would be an admission that the administration has been extravagant."

"Tell us what you will do," broke in a heckler.

"I propose to get a dollar's worth of service for every dollar spent," Davis answered. "I won't hire two men for one man's work. I will give you a continuous audit, so you will be constantly informed as to where your money is going. I intend to consolidate the light and water departments and the street repair and street cleaning, thus saving money there."

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He also advocated the sale of the old workhouse, valued at $200,000, and use of the money for other purposes, as being better than using it as a storehouse.

"Witt has told you about his great achievements," said Davis. "If he didn't do his work, who would? He is getting paid for being on the job.

"But is it his duty to be friendly with President Stanley? In my opinion they are altogether too thick."

At this point a loud commotion interrupted the speaker and Davis declared he was "glad my friends gave Witt respectful attention, even if Democrats don't give me the same." He then read Tom L. Johnson's statement against the Tayler grant which declared that with the aid of a friendly commissioner the fare could be raised.

"Witt said two years ago we should leave three-cent fare in the hands of its friends," said Davis. "We thought we did, but the fare has gone up. Witt said three-cent fare would continue if he was left in power. He was left in power, but 30 per cent of the car riders are now paying four cents.

"Witt Must Take Blame."

"Witt must take the blame for the increase in fare. Is it reasonable to suppose that Stanley had nothing to do with the expenditure of these millions of dollars upon equipment and fancy car barns? I believe we should consider the workers' wages before we do palatial buildings."

Heckling punctuated much of Davis' talk at this point. Cheers also greeted many of his statements.

"Witt now says he would oust the Illuminating company. The Democrats have been in power for thirteen years; why haven't they done these many things they now promise before this?"

As Davis arose for his closing argument he was handed a list of questions as to what expenditures of the various city departments during the past year he would eliminate. Witt asked that Davis answer them. Davis ignored the demand.

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"I want to ask Witt how long it has been since he has stopped throwing bricks at passing trains. I've never seen any great visions or had dreams about this city. All I want to do is to make it a city on the level [illegible] of a city in the hole."

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One of the audiences, a political one, was gathered at Moldenhauer's hall, W. 25th-st and Freeman-av S. W., where Mr. Salen talked to a large crowd composed principally of foreign born men, who have declared their intention to become American citizens.

The other audience was not political, but a gathering at the home of August Eggert, 7802 Cornelia-av N. E., who is father of the Perry victory celebrations in Cleveland.

At both meetings Mr. Salen took occasion to reply to the speech of Peter Witt at Toledo, O., July 4, 1907, in which Mr. Witt is alleged to have classified the country's old soldiers as "loafers."

At the West Side meeting Mr. Salen was preceded by Attorney Clarence L. Jones, candidate for the municipal bench, who served in the Spanish-American war. Mr. Jones also urged upon his hearers the necessity of preparedness and criticized Mr. Witt, who, he said, had contempt for the nation's defenders.

"It would be too bad in the present stage of civilization," declared Mr. Salen, "for our country to have to resort to arms, but if such a thing ever does happen I hope we will be prepared. At the time a few of our citizens held a military instruction camp at Chagrin Falls Mr. Witt decried it and made light of it.

"I think that the men who devote their time and money preparing to defend this country are entitled to credit. The men who gather weekly and sacrifice their time in the National Guard and other such organizations are entitled to the highest credit and the men who cast slurs upon them certainly cannot hold the esteem of the people who have the welfare of this republic at heart.

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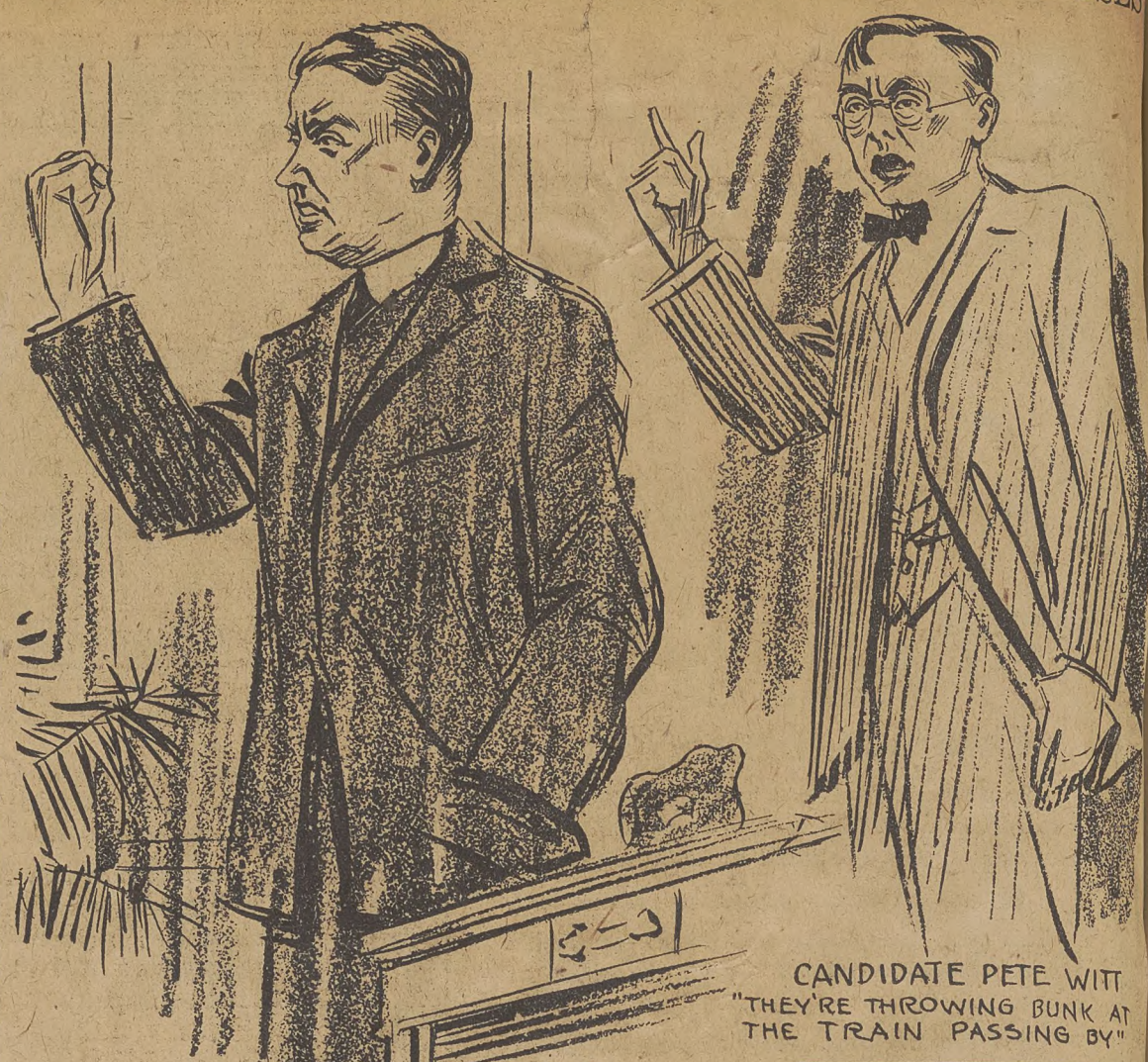
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Norton's campaign will be the first to close. Grays' armory has been engaged by his managers for Friday night, for the wind-up meeting which they promise will give the public for the first time an indication of Norton's real strength.

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Election Eve Meetings Planned.

The closing meetings of the other candidates, unless plans are changed, will take place Saturday night. There is some talk of holding a Democratic meeting at Broadway and Harvard ave. a week from tomorrow and the Salen League is also discussing the advisability of arranging a meeting on the eve of the election.

Davis and his lieutenants, expressing confidence that the victory at the polls will be won by them, look to gaining the support this week of the army of voters opposed to Peter Witt who have not yet decided for whom their ballots will be cast.

To reach the largest number of voters possible Davis will hold tent meetings every night this week, three in the East End and three on the West Side. The last meeting of his speaking campaign, according to the present schedule, will be held Saturday night on the East Side, the location not having been determined.

Salen on East to West Drive.

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Friends of Davis, Norton and Salen do not claim the election of their respective favorites on first choice votes. They figure, however, that Witt, failing to get a majority of first choice votes, cannot hope to win the election if any one of his three leading opponents runs strong on all three choices.

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The only Kohler campaign cards that have been seen are being passed by friends. These read: "I am going to vote for Frederic Kohler, only choice for municipal court clerk. Won't you?"

Kohler has gone into every ward interviewing voters and into many factories where he has talked with workmen at their benches.

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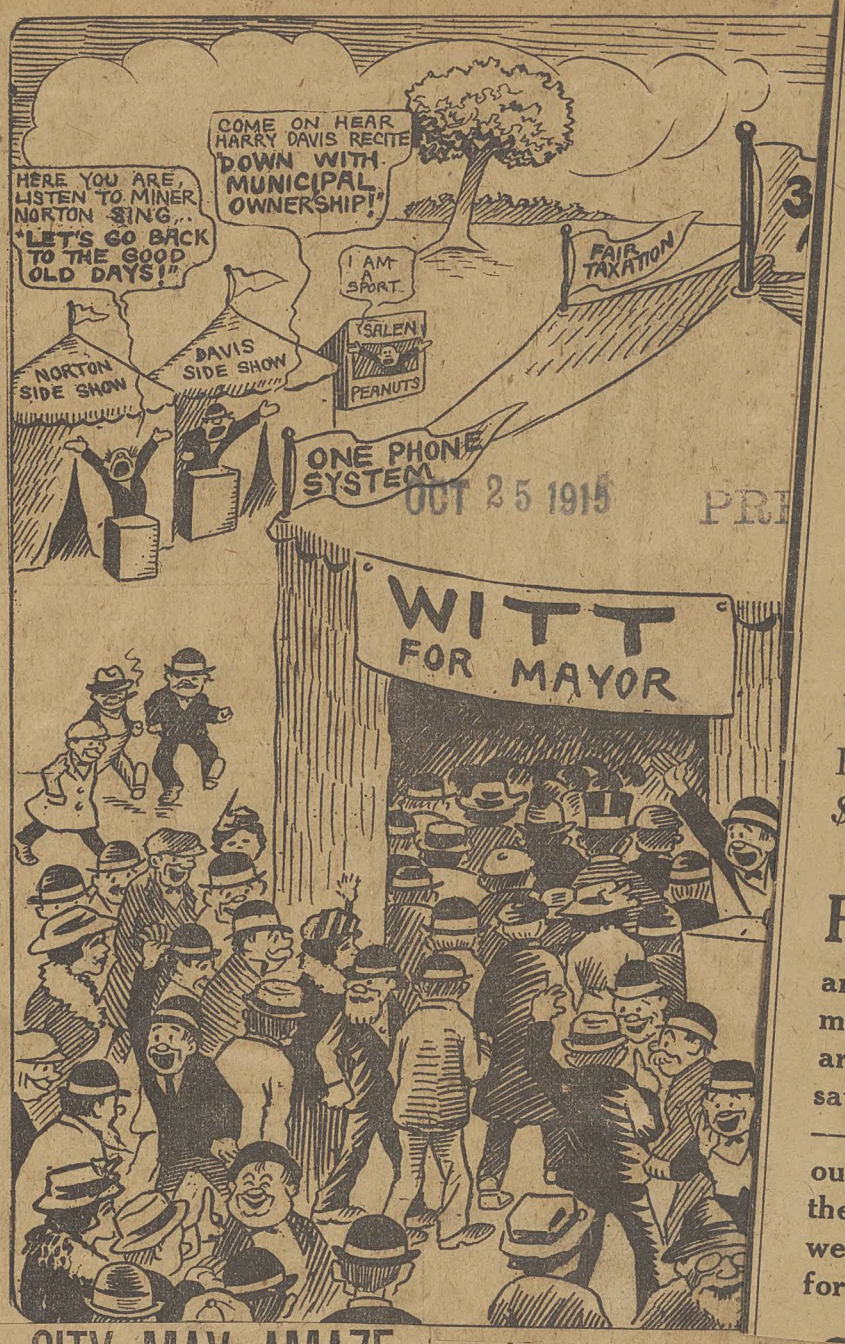
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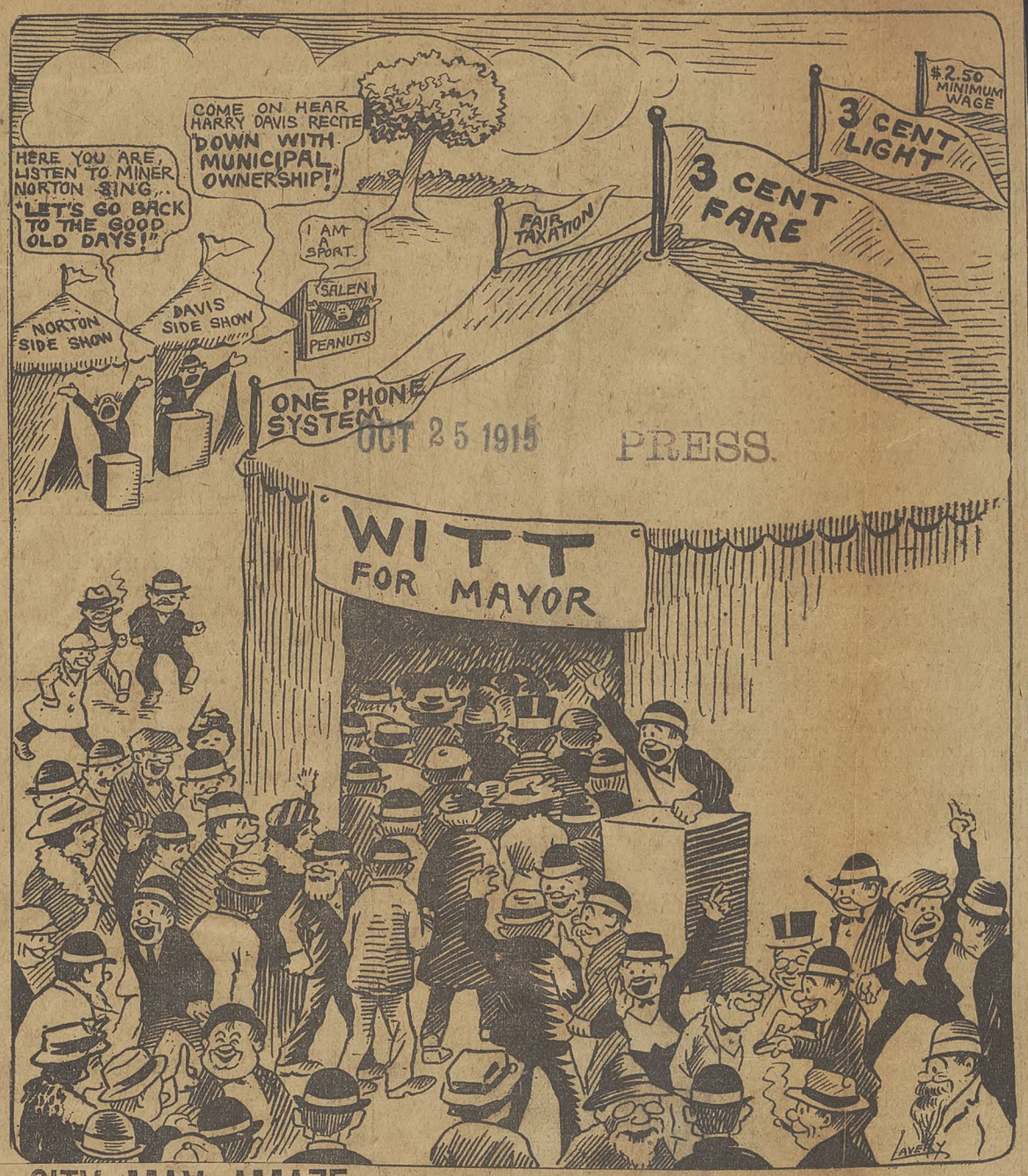
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During the first half hour Witt talked, and hurled questions for Davis to answer and the audience remained quiet. But Witt's followers heckled Davis as soon as he started to speak. Davis bitterly informed his hecklers that his friends had given Witt a respectful hearing.

Davis arraigned the Baker administration for extravagance and charged Witt with extravagant administration of the traction commissioner's office. He blamed Witt for the increase in fare.

"It's Pete Witt against the field. Not one of my three opponents offers a constructive program of government," Witt said. "They are all standing on the sidewalk throwing bricks as the train goes by."

Witt started to paint a vision of the Utopia Cleveland will be if he is elected mayor, but his pretty word picture was spoiled when someone drawled a long "A-a-a-men!" and drew a loud laugh.

"I have never seen any visions or had any great dreams about the city," Davis said. "All I want is to make it a city on the level instead of a city in the hole. I want to ask Witt how long it has been since he stopped throwing bricks at passing trains."

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Davis, Salen, Witt and Norton all have accepted an invitation of the Electrical League to discuss campaign issues at a meeting in the Hollenden assembly room Thursday noon. M. H. Moffett, president of the club, will act as chairman.

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Salen's Sunday was given over to a meeting in Adams' hall, 86 Public Square. The anti-administration candidate called the Baker regime "a petticoat administration," and again dwelt on the policy he would follow, if elected, in regard to social and fraternal organizations.

Davis and Norton both rested Sunday.

ASSAILS BAKER AS SEEKER FOR CLASS FAVORS

Criticized by Socialist for Building Boulevards and Neglecting Garbage Collections—Party Outlines Platform.

C. E. Ruthenburg, Socialist candidate for mayor, attacked the city administration yesterday afternoon for willingness to spend money for boulevards while neglecting garbage collection and disposal. Ruthenburg spoke to 200 people at the Bohemian gardens.

"What do you working people on Clark ave. care about the boulevards for the few who own automobiles?" he asked. "What you are concerned in is the collection of the garbage which accumulates near your backdoor and which is not collected."

Three hundred Socialists met in the evening in their headquarters, 737 Prospect ave., to put on record the party's attitude on campaign issues. Ruthenberg announced the following platform:

Opposed to Cleveland & Youngstown railroad grant, Barber subway and Union depot ordinances; separate councilmanic representation for annexed territory; $300,000 for extension of Carnegie ave.; plan to extend terms of county officers to four years; plan to limit elections of twice defeated constitutional amendments; gerrymander bill to redistrict state for congressional purposes—

In favor of minimum wage for city employees; bond issue of $1,500,000 to meet city deficit; additional levy for sewage disposal; $100,000 for public comfort stations; $1,600,000 for grade crossings; plan to exempt bonds of municipality from taxation.

No action was taken on the prohibition amendment or McDermott [illegible] license decentralizer law.

WITT, SONG AND STORY ON BILL AT 'HIPP' SHOW

Peter Entertains Crowd Assisted by Vaudeville Singing; Argue on Socialism; Heckler Busy.

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Peter Witt, author of a famous debate with himself at the Hippodrome some months ago, again appeared in a stellar role at the same show house yesterday afternoon.

The bill was a little more elaborate than that of the first one-act bill staged by Witt, there being ragtime, vaudeville, singing and heckling in addition to the headliner.

Peter's act covered the "uplift" from single tax to Socialism.

Single tax was proclaimed the panacea for all the social ills of mankind, and Socialist principles lauded in flowery oratory. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Peter Witt Labor Club and some 2,000 were in the audience.

Debs Is Eulogized.

Eugene V. Debs, Socialist leader, was eulogized as the "grandest and noblest" of men, whose acts made him "worthy of a laurel wreath"; free trade was urged as a sure means of ending the European war, and preparedness for national defense denounced in fiery terms by Witt.

As Witt closed his remarks with a fervent declaration that "the Kingdom of Heaven is within us and can be speedily brought out by adoption of the philosophy of Henry George," a man arose from the audience and asked the speaker why he did not urge the revolutionization of all social standards instead of stopping at taxation.

"I know what you are going to ask," Witt interrupted before the speaker was through. "You are a Socialist and want to know why I don't follow the theories of Karl Marx. I'll tell you why. His theory is beautiful, but it won't work."

"Eugene Debs believes it and you just eulogized Debs to the sky," shot back the questioner.

Says Marx Won't Work.

"There are some ideas of Debs that I don't agree with," returned Witt. "Marx's theory won't work, I tell you."

"You haven't answered my question," insisted the heckler.

"I tell you Marx's theory won't work," said Witt. "If you will think hard enough you will think your way out of the idea."

Witt's talk was announced by the chairman, Thomas Fitzgerald, as a lecture rather than a political speech. Upon the Hippodrome stage sat 100 vice presidents of the labor club. During Witt's talk on labor unions one of the vice presidents went to sleep and had to be roused by a neighbor.

Richard H. Metcalf, official of the International Iron Molders' union, introducer Witt.

After tracing the history of organized labor from its beginning, Witt said:

Debs Grand Leader.

"Eugene V. Debs was one of the grandest leaders that ever came up from the ranks," Witt exclaimed. "By the sheer force of his personality as a labor leader he stopped the wheels on the railroads of the country. History will place upon his brow a laurel wreath."

Witt diverted to a short politica talk in which he declared he answere a delegation of employers asking h attitude in the event of a labor wa by stating that "plug-uglies" woul not be tolerated in strikes. The he turned to preparedness for war.

"Let me say right here that a larger army and navy would not keep us out of war, but would be used to hold in subjection the producer while he is being robbed. Military preparedness does not lead to peace but to destruction. Every labor man should begin tomorrow to influence the government against increased armament.

He referred to the excise tax as another indirect tax, declaring:

"Our friends the distillers tell us they pay the tax on liquor. But they are only the collectors of it. You may not see the tax when you take a drink, but it is there."

WITT FACES FIELD IN CLOSING WEEK OF MAYOR BATTLE

Will Contest All Candidates for Mayoralty as Municipal Campaign Approaches Closing Days.

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Political Hot Shot Expected to be Fired by Davis and Norton, but Not Against Each Other.

PLAIN DEALER

BIG EXPOSE'S RUMORED TO BE SPRUNG BY SALEN

Ward Workers Told to Keep on Their Toes as Election Nears.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

With the ushering in of the last week of the pre-election battle, Peter Witt's own appraisal describes the status of the mayoralty campaign.

It is Pete Witt against the field.

Bent on making it a finish fight, each anti-administration candidate claiming victory lies between himself and Peter Witt, the camps of Harry L. Davis, Miner G. Norton and Charles P. Salen this week will direct every ounce of campaign strength they possess against the street railway commissioner.

From tonight until Saturday night political hot shot will be hurled from three anti-administration sources against Candidate Witt and the administration of Mayor Newton D. Baker. From the start, with a field of six candidates for mayor, the opposition of all but one has been trained at the administration and its contender.

Concentrate Political Fire.

But the vigor of the attack will be concentrated in this last week, and there will be no scattering of the shots. Candidate Davis will give little heed to his Republican rival or Mr. Salen. Candidate Norton will have few words for Mr. Davis and the anti-administration Democrat. And Mr. Salen is planning final maneuvers in the way of an eleventh-hour expose that he says "will shock the town."

Against the field, the Witt campaign will be swept forward with last-week vigor. Mr. Witt and the mayor will continue as the chief speakers, Mr. Witt offering his proposals and standing on his record as commissioner, the mayor telling the story of his administration.

Two impressions of the campaign thus far, according to expressions of men of all politics, stand out as the campaign nears its close. The Witt campaign has not developed in the street railway commissioner the bitterness and sting which administration opponents believed would lead him into attacks they could turn back against him.

Also, particularly in the past week, the campaign of Mr. Norton has gained a momentum which men of no party had conceded was probable, including his Republican brethren on the Davis side.

Administration supporters and the Democratic organization, the forces behind Mr. Witt, enter the last week of the fight declaring the crisis is past, that the trend of the campaign has been established, but urging their workers to "keep on their toes."

Say Crisis is at Hand.

The attitude is quite different in the Davis organization. Davis leaders say the crisis is in this week, when the Davis effort will be directed to the East End wards. Davis followers profess keen satisfaction at the way they declare their candidate handled himself in debate with the commissioner Saturday night.

They say he made a much better showing than they thought he would. They are counting on spreading that word the next few days with a view to assuring voters the fight is between Mr. Davis and Mr. Witt.

There is a jubilant note in the talk in Norton headquarters. The impetus given the Norton fight the past week has brought Norton leaders almost to the point of speaking of the election in the past tense. It's between Witt and Norton, they say. They refuse to concede Mr. Davis a leading place at the finish.

But any Davis man will say without being urged that it is between Witt and Davis, and that Norton hasn't a chance in the world. There's unanimity of opinion in both Republican camps on only one proposition, opposition to Peter Witt.

The Salen campaign is to be brought to a climax, according to word in Salen headquarters the past week, with new charges against Mr. Witt and against the administration. Hand bills calculated to drive votes from the street railway commissioner are to be circulated.

Salen forces are centering their attention on a tent meeting scheduled for tomorrow night at E. 138th-st and St. Clair-av N. E. Stereopticon pictures will form the exhibits in support of contentions to be advanced by the speakers that there has been a waste of public funds.

In one way the Salen fight has differed from any of the others. Mr. Salen has done more secret traveling about the city. He has held more private meetings than any of the rest. He has laid as much stress on that end of his campaign as on public meetings.

Some administration enthusiasts are predicting election on first choice votes. Others, more conservative, say a majority on second choices, and still others say the result will not be decided until "other choices" have been counted.

None of the opposition camps predicts a first choice election. The average prediction outside administration quarters is that it will go to "other choices."

Mr. Witt tonight will start campaigning with two tents. Both will be East Side meetings and the candidate will alternate with Mayor Newton D. Baker and probably two other speakers.

While the chief Davis attack is to be in the East Side this last week, the candidate has meetings on both sides of the river tonight. Mr. Norton will lay his emphasis on East Side campaigning this week. He has no speaking meetings scheduled for tonight, and wil lgive all today to organization meetings in his office in the Society for Savings building. Mr. Salen has both East and West Side meetings for tonight.

Election day is one week from tomorrow. The candidates are set for the final and supreme endeavor of the campaign. And as the week opens, it is Pete Witt against the field.

DAVIS IS WET, HE SAYS IN MEETING

Candidate, for First Time, Gives Stand on Liquor, Answering Query.

Storms as Heckler Says He Changed Mind on Deficit Bond Issue.

Persistent heckling punctuated Mayoralty Candidate Harry L. Davis' remarks at his tent meeting last night at Madison-av N. W. and W. 99th-st. Questioning of the speaker was frequent, and among other things it established publicity, for the first time this campaign, that Mr. Davis is wet.

First interrogation came while the mayoralty candidate was insisting that waste might be eliminated by the administration by consolidating street cleaning and street repair departments, thus decreasing the number of repair foremen.

"How much in dollars will you cut off the appropriation for street repair?" asked a heckler.

"Almost half, and the work will be done better," was the reply, after a moment's thought.

"Just how will you accomplish it?" asked the heckler.

"I've told you how already." He hesitated a moment and continued, "but we aren't going to cut. We're going to get twice as much work done for the same money."

"What departments will you cut?" shouted another.

"All, I told you a hundred times," was the hot reply, "and I'll work for nothing to make good if its necessary."

A few moments later, while attacking Peter Witt's record as street railway commissioner with the question, "Did you appoint a commissioner to be a partner of the Cleveland Railway Co?" another heckler asked:

"Hasn't Witt done his duty?"

"No, and I'll show you why," was the answer.

While completing this answer, Mr. Davis produced a typewritten sheet and said he had a question to ask Mr. Witt. This is what he read:

"I call your attention, Mr. Witt, to the following figures and ask you if they are substantially correct: Amount in street railway interest fund Oct. 1, 1915, $456,215. Amount Oct. 1, 1915, by which the street railway company has exceeded ordinance operating and maintenance allowance during your commissionership $586,000.

"Assuming that the above figures are approximately correct, and further assuming that any controversy as to the payment of excessive operating and maintenance expense will decided in accordance with the ruling of the arbitration board of June, 1913, will not the entire interest fund be wiped out and will there not be a deficit of $130,000 in that fund?"

Then Mr. Davis urged defeat of the $1,500,000 bond issue to cover the deficit in operating expenses of the city.

"Haven't you changed your mind since Sept. 7?" a heckler asked, and then proceeded to read a clipping of a Cleveland Leader story of that date which accredited Mr. Davis with favoring the bond issue.

"I was misquoted," Mr. Davis stormed.

"It was in three papers, Harry," another cried.

"I didn't say it. I haven't had the papers with me in this campaign and I don't care for their kind of support. I don't want someone holding a club over me after I'm elected. I don't want to be elected that way."

Other questions followed fast, among them the one asking for the candidate's stand on prohibition. But Mr. Davis did not dwell on this answer at any length.

"Come to our next tent," he said, "come from city hall, loaded down with your questions. I'll answer 'em if I can."

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Even money was offered that Davis won't poll 32,000 first choice.

Jake Mintz, one of Salen's friends, offered to bet 2 to 1 that Witt wouldn't win on the first ballot.

Say Salen's "Thunder" Spoiled.

Witt's followers said Tuesday Salen's biggest mayoralty "thunder" was spoiled at the Witt tent meeting at Payne-av and E. 47th-st Monday night. Salen denied it was spoiled.

The "thunder," Witt followers say, was being saved for a big explosion in the Salen tent Tuesday night, and Salen had counted on it "winning him 10,000 votes."

It came about when a man shouted this question at Witt:

"Do you favor taxation of church property?"

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HECKLERS HOT AFTER DAVIS

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Cleveland is committed, in the matter of water purification, to the double precaution of sewage disposal and filtration. The city proposes to cease polluting the lake, and then to filter out of the water whatever pollution may get in from other sources. It is an expensive undertaking in one sense; in another sense it spells economy, for it means fewer deaths and better health and greater efficiency for the living.

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In less than two months the city's filtration plant will be ready for operation, it is stated. That end of the purification problem will then be solved. That half of the task done, it remains for the voters to say whether the other half—sewage disposal—shall be pressed to completion at once.

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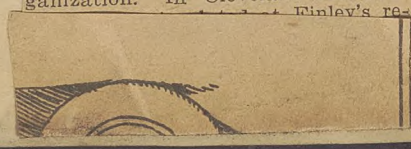
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NEW UNION DEPOT

The second proposition is an ordinance authorizing the mayor to contract with the New York Central, Pennsylvania and Big Four railroads for the conveyance of land for the new union passenger station and settling the lakefront controversies with the railways. The mayor, if the ordinance is approved, will sell thirty-five acres of land on the lakefront to the railroads for $1,400,000 and will exchange the city rights in the Bath st. property at W. 9th st., for railroad holdings on the lakefront from E. 9th st. to about E. 20th st. The approval of this ordinance, it is claimed, makes possible the immediate construction of the new passenger station at a total cost, including track elevations and terminal, of $12,000,000 to $13,000,000.

BARBER SUBWAY

Next on the city ballot is the referendum on the Barber grant, an ordinance giving to the Cleveland, Akron & Canton Terminal railway the right to construct and operate an underground four-track railroad from the lake to the Cuyahoga river valley. The plan is to construct a subway under E. 55th st. from the lake to a point in the valley near where the street intersects Broadway. It is expected the subway under E. 55th st. will be completed in three or four years if the franchise is granted. The Barber plans embody docks and warehouses along the lakefront, and it is proposed to carry freight direct to Akron, from where in the near future the line will be extended to the head of navigation in the Muskingum river.

ANNEXATION

Two proposed amendments to the city charter also have place on that ballot. One is a bid to East Cleveland and Lakewood to enter the city by providing for separate representation in the Cleveland council for newly annexed territories. This means that if either suburb comes into Cleveland it will constitute a new and separate ward.

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The other amendment provides for a minimum wage of $2.50 a day of eight hours on work done for the city by contractors. It does not affect the wages paid by the city to its own employees.

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A straw vote taken at the Liberty theater, Superior-av near E. 105th-st, by the theater management Monday night, showed these results.

First choice votes, Witt 67, Davis 47, Norton 25, Salen 10, Ruthenberg 6; second choice, Witt 23, Davis, 33, Norton 12, Salen 15, Ruthenberg 8; other choices, Witt 16, Davis 10, Norton 19, Salen 12, Ruthenberg 6.

On the prohibition amendment, 71 votes were cast against it and 66 in favor of it.

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WET AND DRYS BOTH TO WATCH CASTING OF VOTE

The wets Tuesday sent to the board of elections a certified list of witnesses and challengers for duty at the polls election day.

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The wets' list covered every voting booth in the county.

SALEN ASKS WHY 'CROSSER FLOPPED'

Wants Congressman to Explain Alleged Change to Support 'Ring.'

Candidate Tells His Ward Followers They Must Work Harder.

Mayoralty Candidate Charles P. Salen last night called on Congressman Robert Crosser to explain why he has "flopped over to the Democratic ring which he fought so fiercely last year when that ring tried to defeat him."

Reading from a newspaper clipping giving one of Congressman Crosser's speeches in last year's campaign, Mr. Salen pointed out the congressman had referred to the "machine politicians seeking to dupe the people into supporting an organization which is trying to foist on the public a machine picked man."

"All of Mr. Crosser's people are backing our nonpartisan movement," said Mr. Salen. "It is quite surprising their former leader should have flopped over to his former enemies."

Mr. Salen spoke at eight meetings last night, three of which were unadvertised. He failed to follow the schedule mapped out for him by his managers. His second meeting was in Koenig's hall, 3704 Superior-av N. E. The crowd was small and came late. Mr. Salen spoke but five minutes.

His last meeting was fairly well attended in a hall at 11026 Cedar-av S. E., nineteenth ward. After this meeting he reprimanded a Salen worker for not getting more sentiment in this ward for him.

"You have got to work harder," he said to the worker.

Other advertised meetings which Mr. Salen addressed were in Ward 22, in a hall at 7331 Wade Park-av N. E. and Ward 16, Hungarian National hall, 8804 Buckeye-rd S. E. He talked economy and elimination of waste and attacked Candidate Peter Witt's management of the street car service.

At the meeting in Hungarian hall, Candidate Harry L. Davis arrived while Mr. Salen was speaking and took a seat on the platform behind him. When Mr. Salen finished he walked over to Mr. Davis and shook hands.

USES CITY FORD, TAKES KIN HOME FROM DEM. TENT

NEWS

A Ford touring car, owned by the waterworks, carried the family of Harry F. Vollmer, superintendent of the waterworks storeroom at Woodland ave. and E. 79th st., from the Democratic tent at Payne ave. and E. 47th st. to their home at 972 E. 79th st., Monday evening.

Vollmer admitted this Tuesday when confronted with the report of investigators who found the city-owned car parked on Payne ave., just east of E. 47th st., Monday night. The car, bearing state license No. 28600, stood at the curg from 8:45, a half hour after Mayor Baker opened the meeting, until the close.

"Early Monday I promised to take my family to the tent meeting," Vollmer explained. "But at supper I learned some material was needed at the new West Side tunnel. So I got the Ford, took the material to the tunnel and stopped off to take my

LAW CLASH LOOMS OVER DRY DEPUTIES

Wets and Drys Split on 'Honest Elections' Act; Sheriff is Puzzled.

Locher's Opinion Asked as Prohibitionists Want Fifty Appointed.

Differences in opinion over the interpretation of clauses of the Kramer "honest elections" law on which dry campaigners have pinned much faith in the coming election, may result in clashes between legal representatives of the wets and drys and probably in court procedure after election.

Acting under provisions of this new law, the drys yesterday asked Sheriff W. J. Smith for fifty deputy sheriffs for election day and will ask for fifty more.

They recite in their petition that they have good reasons to believe there will be bribery and violation of the election laws, that money will be used to obtain votes against prohibition and for the stability league amendment to the constitution, and that "floaters" will be voted.

In their office the drys have checked off 129 precincts in which they want special deputy sheriffs stationed. Ward 3 is the only ward in the city free from their suspicions to date. Ward 9, downtown district, is the one that will be watched most closely. In this ward fifteen precincts are under suspicion and five deputy sheriffs are asked.

Sheriff Smith yesterday appointed four deputies as requested by the drys, and these men filed their $1,000 bonds. They are William J. Shaver, designated to watch precincts F, J and K in Ward 7; W. H. Keeling for Precincts A, C and E, Ward 9, H. C. Kirkpatrick for Precincts D, E and F, Ward 14; F. A. Irvine for Ward 24.

When appointing these deputies Sheriff Smith was not certain regarding certain claims of the drys. He has asked Prosecutor Cyrus Locher for opinions on matters in doubt.

Of Mr. Locher, the sheriff asks:

"Must the campaign committee designate a deputy for any precinct, and does this special deputy have authority outside of the precinct for which he is named?

"In case of a dispute between an election officer and a special deputy concerning qualifications, of one who applies to vote, whose authority prevails?

"Does this special deputy have the power to call any number to his assistance if necessary?

"To what extent is the sheriff responsible for the acts of these special deputies? Are these deputies subject to orders of the sheriff like others?

"If a special deputy attempts to intimidate a voter, has the sheriff authority to discharge him?"

Prosecutor Locher will return his opinion to the sheriff today. In an earlier opinion given to a bonding company, the prosecutor held that a deputy sheriff has jurisdiction in any section of the county and it is not mandatory on the sheriff to confine a deputy to any one precinct.

The law says any one asking for deputies cannot have more than one for each precinct. The drys claim one deputy can cover more than one precinct and in some instances want their deputies to watch three precincts.

There is considerable doubt concerning provisions of the law and a court contest might come after election.

E. J. Blandin, president of the Cuyahoga County Home Rule association, said the action of the drys was a reflection upon Cleveland's election officials and voters. He said: "We have full confidence in honesty and integrity of the electors and the election officials of every precinct in Cuyahoga county."

Here is how the suspected precincts are distributed through the city: Three each in Wards 1, 2, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 23, 24 and 25; seven precincts in Ward 4; six each in Wards 5, 8, 10, 17, 19, 22; fifteen in Ward 9, nine in Ward 11; eight in Ward 16; four in Ward 18; eleven in Ward 26.

D. E. Green of the dry campaign committee said these deputies were not asked because he thought matters would be worse here than they were last year, but because the drys aim to have them better.

In filing their petition for deputies the drys presented to Sheriff Smith the following as the first fifty:

Ward.	Precinct.	Deputy.
1	E. F. D.	Carl F. Walters
1	H. J. K.	F. C. Ford
1	G. H. I. K. L. Q.	C. H. Theobald
2	M. N. O. P.	Harvey E. Miller
2	D. E. F.	Frank C. Rulon
2	G. O. H.	R. T. Hisey
2	H. J. L.	Carl R. Brown
2	C. F. H.	George H. Burrows
3	A. B. C. D.	F. W. Ferguson
4	O. P. Q.	R. S. Force
4	D. E. F.	Eugene B. Fisher
5	A. B. O.	Harvey J. Grubb
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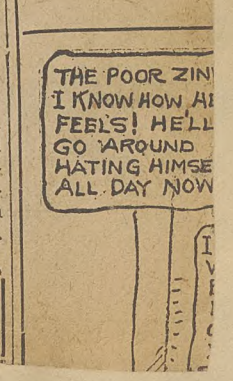
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BARBER SUBWAY

Next on the city ballot is the referendum on the Barber grant, an ordinance giving to the Cleveland, Akron & Canton Terminal railway the right to construct and operate an underground four-track railroad from the lake to the Cuyahoga river valley. The plan is to construct a subway under E. 55th st. from the lake to a point in the valley near where the street intersects Broadway. It is expected the subway under E. 55th st. will be completed in three or four years if the franchise is granted. The Barber plans embody docks and warehouses along the lakefront, and it is proposed to carry freight direct to Akron, from where in the near future the line will be extended to the head of navigation in the Muskingum river.

ANNEXATION

Two proposed amendments to the city charter also have place on that ballot. One is a bid to East Cleveland and Lakewood to enter the city by providing for separate representation in the Cleveland council for newly annexed territories. This means that if either suburb comes into Cleveland it will constitute a new and separate ward.

MINIMUM WAGE

The other amendment provides for a minimum wage of $2.50 a day of eight hours on work done for the city by contractors. It does not affect the wages paid by the city to its own employees.

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WITT WINS ON SECOND CHOICE IN STRAW POLL

A straw vote taken at the Liberty theater, Superior-av near E. 105th-st, by the theater management Monday night, showed these results.

First choice votes, Witt 67, Davis 47, Norton 25, Salen 10, Ruthenberg 6; second choice, Witt 23, Davis, 33, Norton 12, Salen 15, Ruthenberg 8; other choices, Witt 16, Davis 10, Norton 19, Salen 12, Ruthenberg 6.

On the prohibition amendment, 71 votes were cast against it and 66 in favor of it.

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WET AND DRYS BOTH TO WATCH CASTING OF VOTE

The wets Tuesday sent to the board of elections a certified list of witnesses and challengers for duty at the polls election day.

The drys at the same time swore in 15 additional deputies under the Kramer elections law to serve as inspectors and challengers. Monday the drys gave Sheriff Smith names of 50 men to be appointed as special deputies.

The wets' list covered every voting booth in the county.

SALEN ASKS WHY 'CROSSER FLOPPED'

Wants Congressman to Explain Alleged Change to Support 'Ring.'

Candidate Tells His Ward Followers They Must Work Harder.

Mayoralty Candidate Charles P. Salen last night called on Congressman Robert Crosser to explain why he has "flopped over to the Democratic ring which he fought so fiercely last year when that ring tried to defeat him."

Reading from a newspaper clipping giving one of Congressman Crosser's speeches in last year's campaign, Mr. Salen pointed out the congressman had referred to the "machine politicians seeking to dupe the people into supporting an organization which is trying to foist on the public a machine picked man."

"All of Mr. Crosser's people are backing our nonpartisan movement," said Mr. Salen. "It is quite surprising their former leader should have flopped over to his former enemies."

Mr. Salen spoke at eight meetings last night, three of which were unadvertised. He failed to follow the schedule mapped out for him by his managers. His second meeting was in Koenig's hall, 3704 Superior-av N. E. The crowd was small and came late. Mr. Salen spoke but five minutes.

His last meeting was fairly well attended in a hall at 11026 Cedar-av S. E., nineteenth ward. After this meeting he reprimanded a Salen worker for not getting more sentiment in this ward for him.

"You have got to work harder," he said to the worker.

Other advertised meetings which Mr. Salen addressed were in Ward 22, in a hall at 7331 Wade Park-av N. E. and Ward 16, Hungarian National hall, 8804 Buckeye-rd S. E. He talked economy and elimination of waste and attacked Candidate Peter Witt's management of the street car service.

At the meeting in Hungarian hall, Candidate Harry L. Davis arrived while Mr. Salen was speaking and took a seat on the platform behind him. When Mr. Salen finished he walked over to Mr. Davis and shook hands.

USES CITY FORD, TAKES KIN HOME FROM DEM. TENT

NEWS

A Ford touring car, owned by the waterworks, carried the family of Harry F. Vollmer, superintendent of the waterworks storeroom at Woodland ave. and E. 79th st., from the Democratic tent at Payne ave. and E. 47th st. to their home at 972 E. 79th st., Monday evening.

Vollmer admitted this Tuesday when confronted with the report of investigators who found the city-owned car parked on Payne ave., just east of E. 47th st., Monday night. The car, bearing state license No. 28600, stood at the curg from 8:45, a half hour after Mayor Baker opened the meeting, until the close.

"Early Monday I promised to take my family to the tent meeting," Vollmer explained. "But at supper I learned some material was needed at the new West Side tunnel. So I got the Ford, took the material to the tunnel and stopped off to take my family home on the way back."

"Vollmer's car should have been in the garage; he had no right to take it out after working hours for his personal use," Deputy Water Commissioner Jaeger said Tuesday.

But, according to Jaeger, Vollmer's Ford is two-seated. But the car Vollmer took to Monday night's tent meeting was a five-passenger. The explanation was that Vollmer had taken the body off and substituted a tonneau.

LAW CLASH LOOMS OVER DRY DEPUTIES

Wets and Drys Split on 'Honest Elections' Act; Sheriff is Puzzled.

Locher's Opinion Asked as Prohibitionists Want Fifty Appointed.

Differences in opinion over the interpretation of clauses of the Kramer "honest elections" law on which dry campaigners have pinned much faith in the coming election, may result in clashes between legal representatives of the wets and drys and probably in court procedure after election.

Acting under provisions of this new law, the drys yesterday asked Sheriff W. J. Smith for fifty deputy sheriffs for election day and will ask for fifty more.

They recite in their petition that they have good reasons to believe there will be bribery and violation of the election laws, that money will be used to obtain votes against prohibition and for the stability league amendment to the constitution, and that "floaters" will be voted.

In their office the drys have checked off 129 precincts in which they want special deputy sheriffs stationed. Ward 3 is the only ward in the city free from their suspicions to date. Ward 9, downtown district, is the one that will be watched most closely. In this ward fifteen precincts are under suspicion and five deputy sheriffs are asked.

Sheriff Smith yesterday appointed four deputies as requested by the drys, and these men filed their $1,000 bonds. They are William J. Shaver, designated to watch precincts F, J and K in Ward 7; W. H. Keeling for Precincts A, C and E, Ward 9, H. C. Kirkpatrick for Precincts D, E and F, Ward 14; F. A. Irvine for Ward 24.

When appointing these deputies Sheriff Smith was not certain regarding certain claims of the drys. He has asked Prosecutor Cyrus Locher for opinions on matters in doubt.

Of Mr. Locher, the sheriff asks:

"Must the campaign committee designate a deputy for any precinct, and does this special deputy have authority outside of the precinct for which he is named?

"In case of a dispute between an election officer and a special deputy concerning qualifications of one who applies to vote, whose authority prevails?

"Does this special deputy have the power to call any number to his assistance if necessary?

"To what extent is the sheriff responsible for the acts of these special deputies? Are these deputies subject to orders of the sheriff like others?

"If a special deputy attempts to intimidate a voter, has the sheriff authority to discharge him?"

Prosecutor Locher will return his opinion to the sheriff today. In an earlier opinion given to a bonding company, the prosecutor held that a deputy sheriff has jurisdiction in any section of the county and it is not mandatory on the sheriff to confine a deputy to any one precinct.

The law says any one asking for deputies cannot have more than one for each precinct. The drys claim one deputy can cover more than one precinct and in some instances want their deputies to watch three precincts.

There is considerable doubt concerning provisions of the law and a court contest might come after election.

E. J. Blandin, president of the Cuyahoga County Home Rule association, said the action of the drys was a reflection upon Cleveland's election officials and voters. He said:

"We have full confidence in honesty and integrity of the electors and the election officials of every precinct in Cuyahoga county."

Here is how the suspected precincts are distributed through the city: Three each in Wards 1, 2, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 23, 24 and 25; seven precincts in Ward 4; six each in Wards 5, 8, 10, 17, 19, 22; fifteen in Ward 9, nine in Ward 11; eight in Ward 16; four in Ward 18; eleven in Ward 26.

D. E. Green of the dry campaign committee said these deputies were not asked because he thought matters would be worse here than they were last year, but because the drys aim to have them better.

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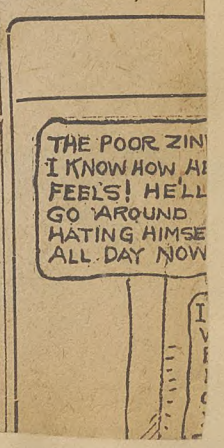
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"We're not the guardians of any people's morals," he said he told his partners, " 'but I want the property sold,' and so it was."

When the other heckler struck at him, Witt parried by declaring that the question of whether in Toledo in 1907 he said any man who wore the United States uniform was "a bum" had absolutely nothing to do with the election of mayor in Cleveland.

Calls Regulars Lazy.

"But I did say," he went on, "that I didn't believe in armies, and that the men in the regular army of the United States were the weaklings and lazy ones who were taking the nation's $13 a month because they couldn't stand up under industrial toil."

Quickly Witt hastened to draw the line of demarkation between the regular and the volunteer. And he wound up in a burst of oratory, metaphorically waving the flag and declaring that his "old dad" not only had come "from across the pond" to fight in the Civil war, but "four days before he died he was out chasing a crooked councilman."

At the same meeting on Payne ave. Councilman Reynolds, the chairman, sounded a new and unique keynote when he paraphrased one of the eight beatitudes as an argument for Witt's election.

"Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice sake," Reynolds shouted; and then, with a dramatic pause, finished, "—for Pete Witt will be the next mayor of Cleveland."

Witt also addressed a tent meeting on E. 38th st., near Central ave. There he predicted the election result thus: Witt, first; Norton, second; Davis, third; Salen, fourth.

He wound up at Jimmy Dunn's gymnasium, 2900 W. 14th st., where he was introduced in forceful and grotesque language by Johnny Kilbane, champion pugilist. He covered the same old ground, except that he scored Salen as not having been the "father of Sunday baseball," but as the man who "charged 15 cents a head to Brookside park when a game was played—and kept the money."

At the Kilbane meeting County Clerk Haserodt, speaking for Witt, was interrupted by a heckler who described Witt as a "leech on Tom L. Johnson's back," who went into the latter's tax school "and drew a salary illegally."

FREEZE BULKLEY OUT, THREAT OF DEM. WORKERS

Angered at Welcome to Crosser, Declare Committee Chairman Must Resign.

NEWS

Democratic organization leaders were speculating Tuesday whether Robert J. Bulkley, former congressman, will resign as chairman of the Democratic executive committee before election day. They fear such action would seriously hamper the work of the committee. Dissatisfaction in Democratic ranks has resulted from the fact that Congressman Crosser, who a year ago bitterly attacked the Baker machine, has been readmitted to the "fold" and now is speaking for Tractioner Witt from the same platform as Baker.

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Bulkley partisans—those who a year ago fough night and day to defeat Crosser for Congress and who aided the Bulkley candidacy—now openly charge that they have been "sold out" by the organization and in retaliation threaten to knife Witt on election day.

Oppose Crosser Welcome.

One year ago Crosser went up and down and across his congressional district bitterly attacking the Democratic organization, declaring that "boss rule" must be overthrown and insisting that a vote for him meant a vote for "emancipation from the city hall ring."

In the heat of this fight Baker resigned as chairman of the executive committee and Bulkley was elected chairman. Crosser declared this action "the placing of a paper crown" on Bulkley's head and charged the chairmanship had been given Bulkley only to try to force support for him. Throughout his campaign Crosser talked against Witt and all that he and the "rest of the city hall gang" represented.

Now Crosser is speaking for Witt and from the same platform with Baker, who he so roundly denounced as a "boss" a year ago.

Democrats who fought Crosser now declare that Crosser has been admitted to "good standing" in the organization once more and that the effort to find a way to rid the committee of Bulkley has been found—that Bulkley will be "frozen out" and forced to resign.

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The first heavy volley of the Charles P. Salen campaign will be fired Tuesday night when Salen opens his tent meetings at East 138th st. and St. Clair ave. "The Unmasking of the City Administration" is the way the meeting is being spoken of by Salen and his supporters.

Salen himself declares he will show by facts and figures that the Baker administration, now putting out Tractioner Witt as its candidate has been "a carnival of extravagance." The talk will be illustrated with stereopticon views.

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Miner G. Norton headquarters Tuesday began circulation of a circular headed "Mr. Casey Got the Money" and after quoting Witt as saying "I endorsed every act of the Baker administration," refers to the $65,000 bonus paid J. F. Casey for completion of the filtration plant ahead of contract time and also to the fact that Casey was not low bidder on the work.

"The filtration plant will not be needed until some time in 1916. By this unbusinesslike method $210,183.75 has been wasted and has 'gone to Casey,'" the circular says.

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Harry L. Davis headquarters Tuesday interpreted the statement of Witt, made in a tent meeting Monday night, that Miner G. Norton "now is the second man' to mean that Witt has become alarmed at the strength of Davis and now, in the last week of the campaign, is trying to turn attention from Davis to Norton in the hope of cutting down the Davis vote. Davis men Tuesday laughed at Witt's declaration that he would get 50,000 first choice votes and his prediction of election on first choice ballots. They pointed out that fewer than 100,000 votes would have to be cast to let Witt win on 50,000. Estimates are that 105,000 to 108,000 votes will be cast for mayor.

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Davis, in his tent, Monday night at Madison ave. and W. 99th st., told an audience that he would serve as mayor without compensation if it became necessary in order to wipe out the city's debt. Hecklers who interrupted Davis were told that the city street repair department could give twice as much service as it now gives without increasing the appropriation.

Davis said he was not for prohibition, but was for law and order and if elected would comply with every term of his oath of office.

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Salen promised voters in ward 19 Monday night that if he is elected he will force the Cleveland Railway Company to pay its taxes. He pointed out that the company will owe $1,000,000 in taxes on January 1, 1916, and charged that Witt, instead of forcing the company to pay its taxes, had helped it to keep its money.

Salen attacked Congressman Crosser in a meeting at 7311 Wade Park ave. He said he was surprised that Crosser would cringe to the organization he fought a year ago, and which opposed his candidacy for the congressional nomination.

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Mayor Minshall of East Cleveland Monday night continued defending his administration and pointed out improvements the city had enjoyed under his term, while Frank G. Carpenter, United party candidate, continued to hurl charges at Minshall and plead for his own election.

Minshall pointed to a contract made with the city of Cleveland for water supply to East Cleveland as one of the examples of the efficiency of his administration. Carpenter charged Minshall with neglecting the street car service.

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John H. Brown, candidate for mayor of Lakewood, has a habit of resigning public office before his term has been completed, Mayor Tyler, candidate for re-election, charged Monday night at a meeting at Ridgwood and Madison aves. Judge Vickery asserted that Lakewood needed several first-class funerals, to rid the municipality of chronic objectors to city progress.

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BET ODDS CHANGE ON ELECTION HERE

Witt Money Fails to Back Candidate's Own Opinion; Norton Stock Booms; Davis Coin Is Scarce.

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The avowed conviction of Peter Witt that he would be elected mayor on first choice votes by polling more than 50,000, was not held yesterday by any of his followers with sporting proclivities, according to Tim Raleigh, E. 9th st. betting commissioner.

In fact, there was a wager posted directly following Witt's statement offering $500 to $125 that Witt would not be elected upon first choice ballots. It was taken. And there has been upon the board for two weeks an offer of $50 even that Witt does not receive 45,000 first choice votes.

The stock of Miner G. Norton during the past two days has taken a jump among those willing to back their opinions with money, bets of even money now conceding him at least 10,000 first choice votes. Among the new wagers posted yesterday was a bet of $35 to $100 that Harry L. Davis would not receive 32,000 first choice votes.

During the last week the chances of the drys to carry their constitutional amendment have been improved considerably, according to the opinion of bettors. While even money was offered a few days ago that the drys would lose by 110,000, a wager was posted yesterday that the wets would win by only 60,000.

"There seems to be a great deal of uncertainty in the minds of many this year regarding the outcome of the election," said Raleigh. "For that reason there has not been as much money posted as usual. Witt money is the most plentiful. Norton has developed a strong following lately. Davis money seems to be scarce, while Charles P. Salen's supporters are not as confident now as they were at first."

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"We're not the guardians of any people's morals," he said he told his partners, "'but I want the property sold,' and so it was."

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"But I did say," he went on, "that I didn't believe in armies, and that the men in the regular army of the United States were the weaklings and lazy ones who were taking the nation's $13 a month because they couldn't stand up under industrial toil."

Quickly Witt hastened to draw the line of demarkation between the regular and the volunteer. And he wound up in a burst of oratory, metaphorically waving the flag and declaring that his "old dad" not only had come "from across the pond" to fight in the Civil war, but "four days before he died he was out chasing a crooked councilman."

At the same meeting on Payne ave. Councilman Reynolds, the chairman, sounded a new and unique keynote when he paraphrased one of the eight beatitudes as an argument for Witt's election.

"Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice sake," Reynolds shouted; and then, with a dramatic pause, finished, "—for Pete Witt will be the next mayor of Cleveland."

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NEWS

Democratic organization leaders were speculating Tuesday whether Robert J. Bulkley, former congressman, will resign as chairman of the Democratic executive committee before election day. They fear such action would seriously hamper the work of the committee. Dissatisfaction in Democratic ranks has resulted from the fact that Congressman Crosser, who a year ago bitterly attacked the Baker machine, has been readmitted to the "fold" and now is speaking for Tractioner Witt from the same platform as Baker.

Bulkley partisans—those who a year ago fough night and day to defeat Crosser for Congress and who aided the Bulkley candidacy—now openly charge that they have been "sold out" by the organization and in retaliation threaten to knife Witt on election day.

Oppose Crosser Welcome.

One year ago Crosser went up and down and across his congressional district bitterly attacking the Democratic organization, declaring that "boss rule" must be overthrown and insisting that a vote for him meant a vote for "emancipation from the city hall ring."

In the heat of this fight Baker resigned as chairman of the executive committee and Bulkley was elected chairman. Crosser declared this action "the placing of a paper crown" on Bulkley's head and charged the chairmanship had been given Bulkley only to try to force support for him. Throughout his campaign Crosser talked against Witt and all that he and the "rest of the city hall gang" represented.

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Democrats who fought Crosser now declare that Crosser has been admitted to "good standing" in the organization once more and that the effort to find a way to rid the committee of Bulkley has been found—that Bulkley will be "frozen out" and forced to resign.

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Harry L. Davis headquarters Tuesday interpreted the statement of Witt, made in a tent meeting Monday night, that Miner G. Norton "now is the second man' to mean that Witt has become alarmed at the strength of Davis and now, in the last week of the campaign, is trying to turn attention from Davis to Norton in the hope of cutting down the Davis vote. Davis men Tuesday laughed at Witt's declaration that he would get 50,000 first choice votes and his prediction of election on first choice ballots. They pointed out that fewer than 100,000 votes would have to be cast to let Witt win on 50,000. Estimates are that 105,000 to 108,000 votes will be cast for mayor.

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Minshall pointed to a contract made with the city of Cleveland for water supply to East Cleveland as one of the examples of the efficiency of his administration. Carpenter charged Minshall with neglecting the street car service.

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The new Baldwin reservoir should have been built in a different location, Miner G. Norton declared last night when he addressed twenty-second ward voters at 1467 Addison rd. Norton predicted that because of its hi location the reservoir would bre... within a short number of years and flood the eastern part of the city.

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"That reservoir is an absolute menace," Norton declared. "While I do not claim there are any defects in its construction, I do believe that in a few years the reservoir will break. Then Dayton's flood will be equalled here through the folly of the present administration in placing a reservoir upon the heights."

Norton, in addressing a meeting at the Twentieth Ward Republican Club's wigwam, E. 88th pl., declared that Peter Witt, if elected mayor, would attempt to take as much power as he could from the councilmen. Witt, he said, a few days ago made the statement that the council should be deprived of all control over street railway matters and that this power should be vested in the street railway commissioner.

Harry L. Davis, who also was invited to speak before the club, failed to appear. Owen Evans, president of the twentieth ward organization, in introducing Norton, declared that the latter was "one of the greatest organizers in the country."

At a meeting of twelfth ward followers in Baumoel's hall, 3210 Woodland ave., Norton said that sixty-eight miles of street car tracks which have been constructed since Witt became traction commissioner cost more than 277 miles of tracks constructed before that time.

After leaving the hall Norton walked across the street to the Salen tent meeting and heard Salen's opening arguments.

Norton again flayed the Baker administration when he talked before the Western Reserve Club, 2164 E. 55th st. He said that Baker's own statement to the effect that the city was running $400,000 behind in operating expenses annually should defeat Peter Witt, Baker's candidate.

WANT TO BUY BACK LAKE FRONT TRACT

Railroad Would Pay 50 Cents a Square Foot to City for Big Property.

Option Also is Given Municipality on E. 20th-st to E. 26th-st Tract.

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New York Central railroad last night filed an agreement with the city council offering to buy back the sixty acres of lake front property that it has agreed to turn over to the city, for 50 cents a square foot or $1,250,000. This property extends from E. 12th-st to E. 20th-st.

The agreement is signed by President A. H. Smith of the New York Central and other officials of the company. With its agreement to buy back this lake front property the company granted the city an option on the railroad property extending from E. 20th-st to E. 26th-st.

The price at which the railroad offers to sell this property to the city is 50 cents a square foot. The area is about equal to that of the tract between E. 12th-st and E. 20th-st.

City officials are inclined to favor the purchase of the railroad property, but no consideration is being given to the plan of selling the property that the railroad has agreed to turn over to the city in exchange for the Bath-st tract as part of the Union passenger station transaction.

"I don't believe the sale of this property to the railroads will be considered by the city as it is the key to the city harbor," said City Engineer Robert Hoffman.

Council authorized the routing of the Superior-av N. E. cars from Superior-av to St. Clair-av in the far East End by way of E. 123d-st and E. 125th-sts. This will give the cross-town service that is needed in that vicinity.

Mayor Newton D. Baker's veto of the council resolutions authorizing the restoration of two street car stops was received. The council will vote on the question of approving these resolutions over the veto, at a later meeting.

Councilman P. V. Kalina offered a resolution calling for the extension of the white way lighting service to W. 25th-st between the Nickel Plate right-of-way and Clark-av S. W.

An ordinance by Councilman Kalina authorizing the grading of Clark-av between W. 38th-st and W. 41st-st was passed.

An ordinance amending the outer fire limit section of the building code was passed. The ordinance permits the alteration of store fronts under certain conditions.

The city council will not meet Monday evening as it is the evening before election. Its next meeting is scheduled for the Monday following.

NOT SURE WITT WON'T CHARGE ROYALTY HERE

Opposition Asks Why He Forces Use of "Pete's Pet" in Cleveland.

Indications Thursday were that Tractioner Witt will be kept busy through the rest of the campaign explaining a half dozen moot questions or will wind up his fight without hitting back at those who have applied "the shorter and uglier" word to him.

One of the things Witt will be called upon to make clear is the discrepancy in his printed literature and his latest speech in regard to the patenting of the "Pete's Pet" type of front-entrance, side-exit cars used on crosstown lines. In a pamphlet circulated by the Democratic organization, entitled "What Tractioner Witt Has Done," is the assertion that he "designed a new front-entrance, center-exit motor car of which he is the patentee."

Who's Got the Patent?

In his early speeches Witt repeated this and added that he took great pride in his invention. Wednesday night, in his South End tent meetings, Witt said that he was "going to fight for a patent," still taking credit for the invention of the car, but declaring that "as soon as it was placed on four trucks a Pittsburg man came along and stole the idea." Witt amended his claim to patenting the car to "applied for patent."

In one of his speeches Norton charged that Witt would collect royalty on his patent. Wednesday night the tractioner declared that this particular car "is my baby," and I'm going to collect royalty from other cities if I can, but I won't ask Cleveland for a cent of royalty."

Now Norton supporters want Witt to explain when he told the truth: in his circular, in his speeches prior to Wednesday night, or on Wednesday night. They also point out that they have nothing but Witt's word that he won't collect royalty from Cleveland, and point to the different stories Witt has told about this car in asking: "How can we believe he won't 'soak' Clevelanders for using his new car."

Also Witt opponents want to know why he is forcing the use of this particular car in Cleveland.

A charge also gained circulation Thursday that the "Pete's Pet" car was designed by a railway company engineer, and that all Witt did was to change the location of the fare box from the floor level at the exit to the upper level.

"Principle," Says Witt.

Witt, Thursday, said it is principle more than money he is fighting for in his efforts to patent the new type of car.

"I want to keep another man from hogging my idea, but incidentally, I'm going to get whatever royalties there are in it, from every car company outside of Cleveland that uses my type of car," Witt said. "Clevelanders won't have to pay."

Witt has applied for a patent on the "Pete's Pet" on which he says a patent already has been taken out by Pearl M. Jones, superintendent of the Pittsburg Railway Company.

"We put the first model of my design in operation here December 4, 1914," Witt said. "Jones patented my idea on January 25. But there'll be a court battle over the title to the patent before Jones ever collects a cent of royalty on the cars.

"Jones several years ago patented the idea of making the rear halves of trailer cars platform so that the pay-leave and pay-enter system could be used on the same car. He patented that just seven days after we put the first one into operation here.

"It's not that I care so much about the money from the royalties. But if anybody is going to get the money for my idea, you can just bet it'll be Pete Witt."

Cleveland Railway officials laughed at the idea of either Witt or Jones getting any money out of the patent. They say it isn't worth the paper it's written on, because of court rulings in the famous Roundtree patent cases, when courts held only the mechanical devices for the carrying out of a fare collecting system can be patented. Witt and Jones, they say, are fighting over an idea, not a mechanical device.

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Salen spoke to one of the biggest tent crowds of the campaign Wednesday night at Woodland ave. and E. 34th st. Hecklers planted in various parts of the tent helped make the meeting one of the noisiest of the campaign. Salen indulged in some additional "unmasking" of the Democratic machine control of city affairs, and referred to Witt as "landlady" in repeating the charges that Witt's investment company had until three weeks ago held the lease on the Norman hotel. Salen charged Witt had lied about the Norman hotel lease on Tuesday, and again on Wednesday. He said he expected to prove before the campaign is over that Witt still is getting the Norman rent.

Salen charged that W. Burr Gongwer, collector of customs, and Tim McDonough, machine leader, had used their political powers to urge saloonkeepers to patronize an automobile agent who had given Gongwer two machines free.

"Didn't you get $150,000 out of the county clerk's office?" one heckler shouted a dozen times during the meeting, until a policeman suppressed him.

"I did not," Salen answered. To a further question as to how much he did get, Salen replied it was his own business.

To another heckler Salen said he would not permit interference with social club activities.

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Witt made no mention of the Norman hotel lease in his tent meeting at Buckeye rd., and E. 99th st., nor did he attempt to explain the discrepancies in his first explanation of his holding of the lease and his second explanation, both of which were contrary to the county recorder's records. Instead he indulged in an attack on his opponents, bitterly assailing Salen as a "peanut sport", called Davis a "boy" and Norton "an old man."

Witt admitted he intended collecting royalties all over the United States for the front entrance, side exit car he designed, as charged by Norton. Witt said the car was "his baby" and that he was going to fight for the royalties. Witt said he recently had told Samuel Scovil, president of the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company that the price of electric light will have to be reduced by March 1, 1916.

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Davis branded Witt a coward in speaking at his tent meeting, W. 38th st. and Franklin ave., Wednesday night. He charged Witt had called him names Tuesday night but that on Saturday night when he and Witt met in debate he was afraid to call him any uncomplimentary names.

Davis answered an attack made upon him in a pamphlet issued by the Democratic machine, in which he was charged with giving the city a poor administration as city treasurer. He denied he employed incompetent men and pointed to the report of the state auditor at the time, which said the office was conducted in a business-like manner.

Davis also addressed several other gatherings.

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Norton predicted in a meeting at 1467 Addison rd., Wednesday night, that the Baldwin rd. reservoir would break within a few years and flood the eastern part of the city. The city administration bungled when it built the reservoir on Cleveland Heights, Norton said.

At the Twentieth Ward Republican Club, E. 88th pl., Norton said that if Witt is elected he will attempt to take all the power he could from council.

Harry L. Davis was invited to speak at the meeting, but did not appear.

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The Woman Suffrage party Thursday was preparing to investigate treatment accorded women who sought to register for voting at the November 2 election.

The investigation was ordered at a meeting of the party at the Y. W. C. A. Wednesday, when Miss Belle Sherwin, chairman of the registration committee, reported the elections board had credited only twenty-nine women with registration in the sixth ward, when it was known fifty-three registered.

Complaints of discourtesy by booth officials to women also are to be investigated.

Mrs. E. L. Bassett and Mrs. Alta Gilbert, delegates to the state convention, to be held here November 11 and 12, were instructed to vote against submission of the suffrage amendment at the 1916 elections.

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Salen expects to wind up his expose of city hall conditions and his "unmasking of Witt" at a big mass meeting in Acme hall Sunday afternoon. The stereopticon views that have featured the Salen tent meetings this week will be repeated. Besides Salen James P. O'Rourke and others will speak.

At a tent meeting at Forman ave. and Broadway Thursday night Salen promises to add to his "expose."

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The wets Thursday completed arrangements for the biggest meeting of their campaign at Grays armory Thursday night when Congressman Jacob Meeker, St. Louis, will be the principal speaker. Three thousand men were expected to attend. It will be under the auspices of the Cleveland Federation of Labor and will be the last mass meeting. Wets will continue their nightly ward and street corner meetings until Monday night.

The drys' closing meeting will be held at Grays armory Saturday night when William J. Bryan and Evangelist Sam Jones will speak. The meeting will be for men only. Bryan will address women at Euclid Avenue Baptist church preceding the big meeting. The parade of children Saturday afternoon is expected to include ten thousand boys and girls who will ride through the downtown streets in automobiles displaying prohibition pennants and singing dry campaign songs.

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Samuel H. Silbert, police prosecutor and candidate for municipal court judge, discovered Thursday the board of elections officials have left his middle initial from the judicial ballot. He will file a complaint, asking the board to have the ballots reprinted, giving his full name—Samuel H. Silbert.

"It is too late now to make any corrections in the ballot," Deputy Clerk Wentz said.

QUITS AS CLIMAX TO COUNCIL ROWS

Building Expert V. D. Allen Resigns to Go Into Business Jan. 1.

Considerable Opposition Has Developed to Department Methods.

As the climax of clashes with members of city council the past few months, Building Commissioner V. D. Allen yesterday forwarded a letter to Mayor Newton D. Baker announcing that on Jan. 1 he would quit his position. The commissioner says he is going into private business.

Building department matters have been the subject of recent councilmanic resolutions. Councilmen have complained of the manner of enforcing code provisions and the claim has been made that in certain instances building operations have been retarded because of technical interpretation of the building ordinances.

Amendments to the code have been introduced recently and Councilman A. J. Damm offered a resolution proposing the appointment of a special committee to consider the advisability of a general revision of the building code.

Councilman J. W. Reynolds criticized the building department because it failed to prevent the erection of a commercial structure in the residence section of E. 27th st. Building department heads claimed Councilman Reynolds failed to introduce legislation that would authorize the holding up of a permit.

Mayor Baker said that, so far as he knew, the resignation of Mr. Allen was not caused by any departmental friction and that the letter he had received from the building commissioner indicated he was going into business because the opportunity presented itself at this time.

Public Safety Director A. A. Benesch said he had no intention of appointing a successor to Mr. Allen at this time. Both Mr. Allen and his first assistant, E. W. Cunningham, passed a civil service examination and the latter is in line for promotion.

CAMPAIGN SIDELIGHTS

Part of Charles P. Salen's eleventh hour attack on Peter Witt this week will consist of the distribution of circulars quoting statements made by Mr. Witt as far back as 1892—everything he has said in years which in the estimation of Mr. Salen would make Witt enemies.

There's but one quotation from the present campaign. The Salen sheet quotes what Mr. Witt told hecklers the night of the first Witt-Norton debate, and his reference to Gov. Frank B. Willis.

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The Twentieth Ward Republican club has moved its club home and will celebrate with an open meeting tomorrow night at 1788 E. 88th-pl, at which Harry L. Davis and Miner G. Norton, candidates for mayor, will speak.

All Republicans of Ward 20 are invited, and Republican candidates for other offices are invited to attend.

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Peter Witt, Harry L. Davis, Miner G. Norton and Charles P. Salen will speak at the weekly noon luncheon of the Electrical league Thursday in the assembly room of The Hollenden. President M. H. Moffett will be chairman and Norman Anderson heads the speakers' committee.

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William Vernon Backus, father of Talosophy and candidate for chief justice of municipal court, yesterday withdrew from the race with the hope, he said, of making the municipal bench election less partisan. He issued a statement declaring the bench election is "in the highest degree partisan." Mr. Backus' withdrawal leaves the field clear for two other candidates, William H. McGannon, who seeks re-election, and F. W. Kurzenberger.

WITT CRIES PUBLIC HERE NEED PAY NO ROYALTIES ON CARS

Explains He Will Make Other Cities Stand Patent Cost on His Latest Style Railway Vehicles.

Candidate Declares He Ordered Rooming House Sold in 1909 on Learning Nature of Place.

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TELLS OF WARNING TO SCOVIL ON LIGHT RATE

Maintains Opponents Offer Only Second-Hand Criticisms.

PLAIN DEALER

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

"One week from tonight, those of us on the winning side will be in one frame of mind, those on the other side will be in another. Those on my side will be in the majority."

With but three nights of stumping remaining and the campaign sweeping toward its close, that was the confident note struck by Peter Witt, administration candidate for mayor, in both histent meetings last night.

Mr. Witt last evening carried a point further his proposal to force either consolidation or interchange of service of the telephone companies, declaring the people of Cleveland will have one service if it is necessary to embark in municipal ownership.

He smashed over an answer, received with loud applause, to the query rised in Miner G. Norton meetingsas to royalties on the front-entrance center-exit cars invented by Mr. Witt

Makes Pledge to People.

The ommissioner asserted he had applied for a patent and that if he obtained it he would collect royalties elsewhere should the car be adopted in other cities, but promised emphatically "not one cent will the people of Cleveland ever pay Peter Witt for the use of that car!"

He made this pledge in both meetings, one at Buckeye-rd S. E. and E. 99th-st, the other at Harvard-av S. E. and E. 91st-st, at both of which Mayor Newton D. Baker also was a speaker.

Prior to last night's meetings Mr. Witt had discussed the connection of the Forest City Investment Co., of which he was treasurer, with a rooming house on Prospect-av S. E. He paid no attention in his meetings last night to the subject of Charles P. Salen's statements.

Mr. Witt first spoke of the establishment Monday night in a tent when a questioner asked him about it, explaining his insistence on its being disposed of when he discovered the nature of the property was the cause of the lease being sold by the company.

Then Tuesday night Candidate Salen, in his loudly heralded "expose," told of the company's leasing of the house and showed on the stereopticon screen a facsimile of a check for rent paid to Mr. Witt as treasurer of the investment company in 1913.

"The Forest City Investment Co. was organized in 1906," Mr. Witt said yesterday. "In November, 1908, in my absence from the city the board of directors of the company leased two properties, one of them the hotel on Prospect-av. In the bitter political struggle of the fall of 1909, a friend came to me and said, 'Pete, they've got you.' I asked him what he meant.

"He told me the use to which the hotel on Prospect-av was being put, and said my enemies were going after me on it. I started to police headquarters to learn the truth about it, but on the way I met Bill Sadler, a detective. He told me the place had been used as a rooming house for fifteen years.

"I called the directors together, and said, 'Gentlemen, we must get rid of that property.' At that time our outgo on the proposition was more than our income. Had we wanted to commercialize the situation, we could have increased the rent. But I said there was but one thing to do—get rid of it. We put it on the market at once.

"Half a dozen real estate men had it in their hands. Finally, in July, 1914, we had an offer, and negotiations were consummated in September. The lease was disposed of then.

"The people who took it over paid only $5,000 down and put up the lease as security for the balance. The balance wasn't settled up until a month ago. The lease actually was disposed of, however, just as I said."

Mr. Witt had these same remarks for his opponents in his tent meetings last evening, but gave most of his time to discussion of the taxation, telephone and paving planks of his platform and to discussion of his record as street railway commissioner.

"This campaign hasn't been as good as I thought it would be," he said at Buckeye-rd and E. 99th-st. "I thought there would be some clarifying of the situation, but instead of having one real good man to fight, I've had three poor ones. There's a boy who never can learn, an old man past learning, and a sport. The other side doesn't present anything constructive. Even its criticisms are second hand and second rate."

"And the sport," he said, "God knows what he wants!"

Regarding his design of street car, Mr. Witt said:

"I designed it, and the Cleveland Railway Co. nor you will ever pay one cent of royalty. After it was placed on wheels a man in Pittsburg applied for a patent and got it. If anyone is entitled to a patent it is Pete Witt, and I applied for it and am going to fight for it. I'm going to collect royalties all over the United States, but the people of Cleveland will never pay one cent for its use."

Discussing his proposal to force the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. to reduce its rates to 3 cents by March 1 or face extension of the municipal plant to handle all the business, Mr. Witt said he recently had a talk with President Samuel Scovil of the Illuminating company.

"He was on the elevator with me," said Mr. Witt. "He said, 'Pete, I want to see you.' I said, 'Sam, come into my office.' In my office he said, 'Pete, you're the man I'll have to deal with after Jan. 1.' I said, 'Sam, you're a good guesser.' He told me not to make any campaign statements it would be hard to take back. I told him I wasn't making any such statements. I said, 'Sam, I'm going to be mayor. You'll continue to boss the Illuminating company and I'm going to drive the bargain.'

On Harvard-av S. E. Mr. Witt said it had been one man against the crowd, "Pete Witt against the field." He said should Mr. Davis be elected mayor, the real mayor would be "Maurice Maschke of Lakewood, George Harris of East Cleveland and George Myers of Cleveland Heights."

It was here he declared for municipal ownership if necessary to assure one telephone service. Here also he told the crowd why he wanted to be mayor, for the power it would give in "the fight to bring about the good days in my time," for the sake of being mayor of 700,000 people "that when I speak I may be heard, to change the man-made laws and give an equal chance to all."

WITT DODGES HOTEL CHARGE, SCORES SALEN

Makes Savage Attack on Rival Who Stirs Up 'Scandal.'

INVENTS NEW TITLES

Calls Enemies "Peanut Sport," "Boy" and "Old Man" "All Poor Ones."

Peter Witt carefully ignored any further comment on his relations with the Norman hotel in his talks last night. Instead, he devoted his time to lambasting his opponents. Particular attention was paid to Charles P. Salen, who is spreading the story of Witt's connection with the "shady" Norman far and wide.

"Instead of having one good man to oppose I have three poor ones," said Witt in his opening remarks at a tent meeting at Buckeye rd. and E. 99th st. "A boy, an old man and a sport. The boy never can be; the old man is a has-been, and the sport would cheat himself in playing solitaire. He is so crooked that he could hide behind a corkscrew.

Attacks Salen Supporters.

"The sport performs in the sideshow. God knows what he wants to do. A man must be judged by the company he keeps. One of his close associates in this campaign served time in the penitentiary for burglary, another is just back after a term for blackmail. One of his close advisers has been in the Ohio penitentiary for robbery. Those are the kind of men he has around him."

Without mentioning Salen by name, Witt at the two tent meetings frequently referred to the nonpartisan candidate as the "peanut sport." At the Harvard ave. and E. 91st st. gathering he called the three rival candidates, "the boy that can't be, the man that was, and the sport that is."

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Witt admitted the truth of Miner G. Norton's charges that he planned to have patented the front entrance, center exit street car now in operation on crosstown lines.

"I designed that car, but the Cleveland Railway Company nor the car riders of Cleveland will never pay me a cent of royalty," said Witt. "After it was put on wheels here the superintendent of the Pittsburg railway obtained a patent upon the car. I have applied for a patent and am going to fight for it. I am going to collect royalties all over the United States. It is my baby and I am entitled to it."

Says Davis Feared Debate.

Witt said that Harry L. Davis' campaign managers had forced Davis into the recent debate at the Grays' armory. "Davis did not know what he was talking about," said Witt. "At the debate he read a speech written by a boy named Pierre White. It only took him three minutes to run out of something to say when he had to stand on his own feet during the fifteen minutes of rebuttal."

Witt declared that Samuel Scovil, president of the Illuminating company, realized that he would have to do business with Witt after January 1. He related a conversation which he said had taken place between Scovil and himself recently.

"Scovil said, 'Pete, you are the man we will do business with after January 1. Don't make any statements during the campaign that it will be hard for you to back down from later.'

Woodshed for Scovil.

"I said, 'Sam, you will have to sell light and power for the same price that the city does.' Sam said nothing, but he left. He knows that on March 1 he will have to come to the mayor's office. I will take him into the woodshed and give him what is coming to him. The price of light will be three cents."

Witt repeated his promise that if elected mayor he would force the two telephone companies here to consolidate. He intimated that it might be necessary for the city to acquire the properties of the companies in order to bring this about.

Wit yesterday gave this statement on the lease to the Cleveland Press:

"In 1906 I organized the Forest City Investment Company, comprised of fifty stockholders, who agreed to pay ten dollars a month, with the understanding that the money was to be invested in the buying and leasing of real estate.

"In November of 1907, during my absence from the city, the firm of Goakes & Dettelbach submitted to the board of directors two leasing propositions, one a piece of vacant land at the corner of E. 55th st. and Linwood ave., which was improved by the erection of a building, the other, fifty feet on Prospect ave., occupied by a typewriter company, a restaurant company and a hotel.

"The lease was for ninety-five years. The rental was $6,000 a year plus taxes. These two items exceeded the rent we received.

"During a bitter political struggle a friend came to me and said, 'Pete, they've got you.' To which I replied, 'Got me? For what?'

"The company in which you are interested owns a lease of some property on Prospect ave., part of which is used for hotel purposes.'

"He then said that the house was used for rooming purposes. I immediately proceeded to the police department. On the way there I met William Sadler, a city detective.

"He said: 'The hotel has been used for rooming purposes for fifteen years.' I immediately called a meeting of the directors of the Forest City Investment Company.

"To them I said, 'We have a lease on Prospect ave. which is losing money each year, but it has a future. But my desire is that we get rid of it.' I told the members of the board what I had heard. They agreed with me to sell it. The property was placed upon the market and sixteen months ago was sold.

"Not being a 'sport' or a 'rounder,' I had no knowledge of the place, and have none to this day except what others say, among them Mr. Salen, who knows of its location, the number of rooms and all particulars."

CHARGE BAKER BOOSTS MOOK

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News

Criticism was hurled at Mayor Baker Thursday when reports became current that he had issued instructions to twentieth ward Democrats to line up for DeLo E. Mook, candidate for council in the mayor's home ward. Mook, who has never been considered a Democrat, is said to have been put in the race by Baker because he feared the election of Gordon W. Ruthenberg Republican.

Friends of William J. Gibbons, the Democratic candidate in ward 20, were incensed when they heard of Baker's reported action. They charged him with unfairness in urging Mook's candidacy.

Charles B. Stannard, the other Republican candidate in the ward, in a meeting Wednesday night at the Twentieth Ward Republican Club E. 88th pl., charged Baker with being responsible for Mook's candidacy. Stannard announced he would repeat his charges at a meeting Thursday night at Crawford rd. and E. 83d st.

"Baker can't fool the twentieth ward people with Mook," Ruthenberg said Thursday. "He can't palm him off as a Democrat, nor can he make people believe Mook is a Re-publi[illegible]e are not worrying a

RECORD SET BY HECKLERS IN CAMPAIGN

As Candidates Speak Audiences Pour in Hot Shots Until Tents Become Uproars of Confusion.

Never in the history of Cleveland's municipal campaigns have hecklers been so persistent as in the present one.

Meetings have become storm points in which speakers and listeners indulge in sharp, impromptu debates across the footlights.

Witt, Davis, Salen, and Norton to a lesser degree, have been targets of quips and queries in rapid-fire order.

The Salen tent meeting, Woodland-av and E. 33d-st, Wednesday were uproariously noisy almost from its outset.

One man became so insistent that Charlie asked police to eject him. Police complied.

Charlie's "new stuff" included a vigorous dispute of Pete's claim that Witt, after learning the reputation of the place, forced stockholders to sell it 16 months ago. He also made a bitter criticism of the county liquor license board.

Calls Pete a Liar.

"Witt's a liar when he says he sold the lease of the hotel 16 months ago," shouted Salen. "He lied yesterday and he lied today.

"Before the week's over, I'll show Witt's company still owns the lease. I have a check in my pocket showing the lease was held by his company a year ago.

"In October, 1914 the Leader Restaurant Co. reassigned the lease to Witt's company to cover a $5000 note. Two weeks ago Pete got a tip my expose was coming and again had the lease assigned to the restaurant company.

"After election, when Pete's retired to private life, he'll take up the lease again.

"Witt's been unmasked. Surely you can't elect him mayor after this expose."

"How do you know so much about the rules of that hotel?" someone called.

Salen exhibited what he said was a check showing that Witt had received rental from the house.

"How much did you pay for that canceled check?" a heckler cried.

"Didn't you, as head of the public works, buy all horses for the fire department from your father-in-law, Aaron Schwab?" someone asked.

"A lie," said Salen.

Salen was handed a handbill charging that Salen had attempted to attach a $50 license fee upon hucksters.

"Answer it!" came a shout from the audience.

"That is anonymously circulated and I refuse to answer it until the man who published it comes forward to put the question," said Salen.

Salen's tent was filled with men and women. When Charlie arrived Florence Weinzimmer, four, 4961 Outhwaite-av, and her brother, William, seven, gave Salen a bouquet. Salen kissed the girl.

Hecklers Make It Lively.

The heckling began as soon as Virgil Marani, first speaker, started.

"Witt's a liar," began Marani.

"Prove it," yelled a voice.

"Hurrah for Witt," called another.

Eddie Clifford, former owner of the College inn, Salen supporter, was in the tent.

"What's the matter with the College inn?" a man asked.

"It's all right," replied Marani.

There was a laugh.

"H-m, I know nothing about the College inn," added Marani when the laughter stopped. "I don't know where it is."

"Machine politics spoiled the administration of Mayor Baehr," continued Marani. "I know, because I was a member of it—and I'm sorry I was."

"Herman's sorry, too," someone shouted.

"Charlie Salen had the keep-off-the-grass signs removed from public parks," said Marani.

"Prove it," said the same voice.

Three Hecklers a Minute.

Clarence L. Jones, another Salen speaker, then began.

Then a heckler asked Jones to recognize him.

"If you want to take the stand I'll be damn glad to let you," Jones told the man.

Salen started by saying he was going to "show up" the county liquor license board.

"What's that got to do with the mayoralty campaign?" yelled a man. After this Charlie was heckled about three times to the minute.

"A great deal," replied Salen, when order was restored. "The machine which is backing Witt is controlled by Burr Gongwer, federal customs collector.

"Gongwer dictated the appointments on the liquor license board and controls it."

"And how is Gov. Willis, Charlie?" interrupted a heckler.

"Gus Hanna got the best ball players in town and put them on the payroll of the street cleaning department," resumed Salen.

"Why not?" from another heckler. There was a laugh.

James Sheehan, attacked Tuesday night by Salen, at this point demanded to be heard, and disputed Salen's charge that Sheehan lived in Cleveland Heights and had a team working for the city.

Salen asked parents with children to leave the tent, saying he wished to discuss the Prospect-av rooming house.

Charlie Ignores Questions.

"Will you open the segregated district when you're elected?" was one question fired at Salen. Charlie didn't answer.

Salen then picked up his notes.

"That's right, take another shot in the arm," shouted a voice.

"The type of 'sport' The Press and Witt has conferred on me belongs on the other fellow," resumed Salen.

"How long have you been nonpartisan?" was the next question fired at Salen. Again he didn't reply.

Salen called for the stereopticon and showed a house which Salen said had been torn down without the owner's consent and for which the city now is being sued.

"Wasn't that picture taken in France?" demanded a man.

Salen then had a picture of the Prospect-av rooming house thrown on the screen.

"Did you pitch the first ball at the opening of Sunday baseball in Cleveland?" asked another heckler. Salen said no.

A young man arose from his seat near the platform.

"My name's Cook," he explained. "I'm working for the drys and I'd like to know how you feel about the dry question." Charlie referred him to Salen's "contract with the people."

"Lay down and die," shouted a Salen supporter. "Say, Charlie, shall I throw him out?"

Salen denied giving his father-in-law a contract for horses for the fire department.

BETTING IS LIGHT ON MAYOR RACE

Dopesters Unable to Figure Second and Other Choice Votes.

There will be less money change hands in this campaign than in the municipal one of two years ago, according to Tim Raleigh, E. 9th st., betting commissioner, as up to date there has not been more than $30,000 posted with him. At this time last year more than $40,000 had been wagered with Raleigh on the Davis-Baker fight.

"The inability of dopesters to figure upon the number of second and other choice votes has held down the betting," said Raleigh. "Everyone figures the count will go into second or other choices to elect a mayor this year."

The biggest bet so far posted was $550 to $1,000 Davis would defeat Witt. Odds on the various candidates have not changed materially during the past few days.

VORCE AND CITY OFFICERS DIFFER ON THAT $11.50

Statements by Myron B. Vorce, architect, and city hall officials, on who got the $11.50 that J. H. Clark, 972 Ansel rd., three years ago paid for a building permit which he was forced to return, were directly contradictory Thursday.

Clark, at a Witt tent meeting at W. 25th st. and Meyer ave. last week, charged city hall refused to refund his money when it forced him to abandon reconstruction of a lodging house at Ontario st. and Huron rd. Afterwards, he said, Vorce took out a permit for Mark Lamb, lodging house proprietor, and completed the job. Clark forced Mayor Baker to refund the $11.50 last Saturday, but finance officials claimed the $11.50 was credited to Vorce when he took out a permit for Lamb.

Said Accounts Commissioner Murphy, Thursday: "The work Lamb did was of considerably greater extent than that contemplated by Clark. So we gave Vorce credit on the Lamb permit. By paying the $11.50 back to Clark the city is out exactly that much.

Declared Vorce Thursday: "I never received the $11.50, never paid for the Lamb permit, nor did I take out a permit for Lamb. The building department notified Lamb the Clark permit had been reinstated. No fees were paid. When Clark, a year ago, demanded the return of his money, I was notified. I went to city hall, investigated, then wrote to Lamb advising him to pay the $11.50 to the city so the could refund it to Clark."

DAVIS FAVORED IN CLUB STRAW VOTE

AT an open meeting of Western Reserve Club last night the result of a straw vote on the mayoralty candidates, taken among the members by postal cards, was announced.

Of the 625 cards sent out 338 were returned, divided among the candidates as follows:

Davis—First choice, 182; second choice, 40; third choice, 25. Total, 247.

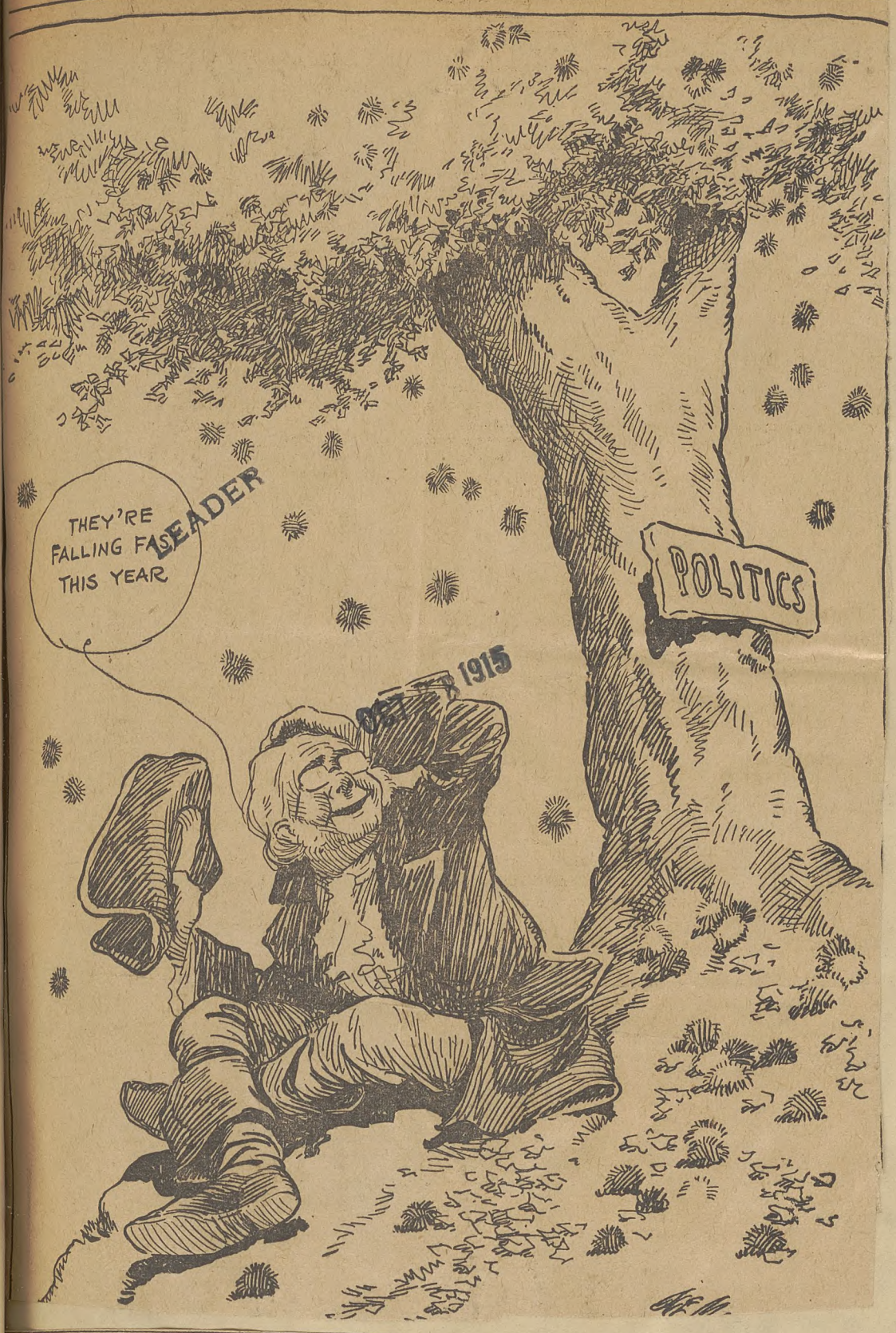
Norton—First choice, 119; second choice, 60; third choice, 15. Total, 194.

Salen—First choice, 20; second choice, 43; third choice, 28. Total 91.

Witt—First choice, 13; second choice, 5; third choice, 7. Total, 29.

The meeting was addressed by Harry L. Davis and Miner G. Norton, candidates for mayor, and by candidates for judge of the municipal court, clerk of the municipal court and board of education.

CHESTNUT TIME



WITT'S CAMPAIGN BOOK

To the Editor of The Leader.

One of the most astounding, audacious and misleading prints ever given to the people of Cleveland is Peter Witt's campaign pamphlet. It begins with alleged praise of Peter Witt by Tom L. Johnson.

It goes on with an assertion that Mayor Baker made healthy institutions of Johnson's pioneer undertakings; a rather doubtful compliment to Mr. Johnson.

Then there is a grand story of our car service. We know that one of the so-called improvements is that we have to get on and off the cars in the middle of the street, in the mud and dirt and danger; another is that we are half crowded to death in the evening going home from work; another that most of the cars used on lines where the passengers are of the middle and foreign class are old and worn; another that the night cars used are so old and noisy that one jumps up in bed when one comes tearing along.

Other astonishing things are our beautiful pavements, our clean streets, the regularity of garbage collection—all of which was news to us.

Then our beautiful Fairview park was mentioned, which three years ago was a fine, big mound, situated on the highest point of Cleveland, where one could always have pure, fresh and cool air, even on the hottest evening in summer, but they needed the dirt, and at a frightful outlay to taxpayers it was hauled to Bulkley blvd., and then again somewhere else, and again to some other place. We would like to know where the Fairview comes in, for it makes us think of a prairie.

There have been a great many other things accomplished, according to the book, almost all imaginary. A lot of money has been borrowed and spent.

But, of course, it could not be Peter Witt's book if there was not something nasty in it. On one page there are pictures of Mr. Norton, Davis, Salen, and as Peter Witt calls the chief executive of our state "Our gizzard-eating governor." He should be arrested for doing this, but it is not worth while. He wants to make it appear that there is some odium connected with Mr. Dan Hanna. We would like to know whether Peter Witt would have paved at his own expense twenty-five miles of road or founded a co-operative store for farmers, as Mr. Hanna has done in Ravenna. But the picture on the back of the pamphlet is the crowning piece of the effrontery, for it is a picture of Mr. Johnson, taken when he was very sick, with the two men who, it is claimed, harmed him most, on either side of him. Was he induced to have his picture taken with them so they could use it for political purposes as they are doing now?

The thought is revolting in the extreme. DAVID F. GIBBONS.

Cleveland, October 25.

MUNICIPAL SPENDING

To the Editor of The Leader:

Thomas Conklin, director of finance, speaking of the various alleged causes of the deficit of $1,500,000 in the city's operating expenses, at the tent meeting, at the corner of Broadway and Forman ave., among other things cited the increase in population as one of the primary causes. His statistical explanation was anything but convincing, and when the writer asked him the question: "Does not the increase in the tax duplicate more than compensate for the extra cost entailed on account of the increase of population?" he seemed to lose his bearings and his answer was as good as no answer at all. His attention was called to the increased valuation placed upon the tax duplicate by reason of new allotments being continually opened and put on the market. Prior to allotting these lands, taxes were paid in bulk on the property as farm land, but after surveying the parcels, opening and dedicating streets therein, etc., taxes are assessed on the foot frontage of each lot. Thus the taxes on one lot would amount approximately to the amount assessed formerly on an acre, and an acre of land usually yields at least six large city lots. In addition to the above, all new buildings, additions and alterations are continually being added to the tax duplicate, amounting to millions of dollars each year.

The increase of population is the primary necessity for more new dwelling houses, business establishments, workshops, factories, etc., therefore the increase of population should be placed on the credit side of the proposition.

Again we would remind Mr. Coughlin that by the means as above recited the tax duplicate is of continuous growth and the revenue of the city is increased year by year, but the trouble seems to be that the present city administration cannot stand prosperity.

HARRY H. NELSON.

Cleveland, Oct. 21.

'SUCKERS,' DAVIS CALLS HEARERS

Reiterates Charge That Witt is Coward for Abuse.

Harry Davis called Pete Witt a "coward" Thursday.

At his tent meeting, Franklin-av and W. 38th-st, Wednesday night, Davis tore into Witt because of a pamphlet attacking Davis' record as city treasurer. The pamphlet is signed by the voters' good improvement club, H. W. Sisson, president. Sisson is a lawyer.

Witt said Thursday he knew nothing about the pamphlet, tho Davis held Witt responsible for it Wednesday night.

"Sisson's folder," began Davis, reading from it, "says that while city treasurer I 'allowed at least one person to milk the public treasury' and that I 'employed incompetent help.'

"These statements are lies. Sisson was a city employe for a while and he used to be a heckler for the democrats.

"I say a man who'll say something behind your back that he wouldn't say to your face is a coward," Davis shouted. "Peter Witt didn't dare make these charges at our debate last week."

"Did you mean you think Peter Witt is a coward?" Davis was asked Thursday.

"Absolutely," said Davis.

Later in the evening Davis called the men who gathered to hear him speak at Royal hall, 5217 Woodland-av, "suckers."

"I want to be elected mayor so I can come back here in two years and look every one of you suckers in the eye and have you say that I've been the kind of a mayor you wanted me to be," he said.

That Agitator Pete Witt and That Nice Harry Davis

PETE WITT and Harry Davis have this in common—neither was born with a silver spoon in his mouth. Both went to work young. Both were denied educational opportunities. Both have risen by their own efforts. Both are honest, respectable. Both are candidates for mayor. And now the question: Which is the better fitted to be mayor?

The mayoralty is more than a $10,000-a-year bookkeeping job. IT IS A POST OF GREAT CONSTRUCTIVE LEADERSHIP. It should be held by a man who thinks big and acts surely; who has vision, ideals, courage; who knows the wants and needs of his community; who understands and is in sympathy with the struggles and hopes of the vast majority—"the overalls crowd" as one campaign orator calls it. HAS DAVIS THESE QUALITIES OF LEADERSHIP? HAS WITT? The answer can be found only in the life and works of each. Their beginnings were almost identical. Let's stir the ashes of the past:

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HARRY DAVIS

Born on Aetna-st in the south end. He is 38 years old.

Attended Charter Oak, Union and Broadway public schools.

As a boy he went to work in one of the Newburg rolling mills. The work was heavy. All about him he saw overwork and small pay. HE DECIDED THAT SUCH WAS NOT TO BE HIS LOT. He would get out of the mills.

And he did. Thru the aid of his father, who had political influence, he was appointed a page in the legislature. He became an auditing clerk. When his term expired, true to his ambition he did not go back to the mills.

He was honest, smiling and a great fellow to shake hands. So he had no difficulty in getting a job as a solicitor for the Bell Telephone Co. Later he became special agent for the Bell Co. of Indiana with headquarters in Indianapolis.

Then he became organizer for the Davis Adjusting Co. While with this company he tried to do for the independent telephone companies what he had been doing for the Bell. He handled collections, organized departments and tried to build up the independent telephone business.

In 1909 Davis was elected city treasurer. He was defeated for re-election. Later he was defeated for county treasurer. Two years ago he was defeated for mayor.

Since his defeat for re-election as treasurer he has been successful as a general insurance agent.



PETE WITT.
HARRY DAVIS.

PETER WITT

Born on 41st-st on the west side. He is forty-six.

Attended Orchard school. Quit school while in the fifth grade.

Worked in a basket factory and bolt works and at seventeen got a job in a foundry to learn the molder's trade. The work was heavy. All about him he saw overwork and small pay. HE DID NOT DECIDE TO GET OUT, BUT BEGAN TO FIGHT WITHIN FOR BETTER CONDITIONS. Employers came to fear the vigor of his tongue. He was not always self-restrained; often bitter, but always honest, always earnest.

He was discharged, blacklisted and walked the streets of Cleveland in a vain hunt for work while his wife and children needed bread. On every street corner and in every radical club Witt's voice was raised demanding justice for those who do the world's work and a chance for their children.

He met Dr. Tuckerman and Dave Rankin and fought with them for the right of free speech. Always a student, he became an authority on taxation.

Then Tom Johnson came along. Witt became one of the most powerful advocates and tireless workers in the Johnson movement. He was merciless in his whipping of rascality in public office and fearless in his denunciation of men in high places. He became known thruout the land as one of the men who had heralded the coming of a graftless public life. As such he was called in as an expert to help brave spirits in other cities and to tell the story of Cleveland's progress.

Finally Witt was put in charge of the street railway property, and in four years not only saved it from the scrap heap, but converted it into one of the finest properties of its kind in the world.

THERE we have the life story of each. Davis, the laborer, becomes Davis the office man, Davis the unsuccessful office-seeker, Davis the successful insurance man. Witt, the laborer, becomes Witt the agitator, Witt the soap-box orator, Witt the tax expert, Witt the teacher, and finally Witt the constructive executive.

Both have always been honest, sober, industrious, and both have striven for what they felt to be the right. Both suffered under the wrongs of an unenlightened industrial system. DAVIS SAVED HIMSELF. He got out. WITT TRIED TO SAVE OTHERS AS WELL AS HIMSELF. The bosses put him out. Undoubtedly Davis sympathized with those about him as deeply as Witt. If he had known how he must certainly have tried to help them. But he didn't know how. HE DIDN'T QUITE UNDERSTAND.

Now whom shall we vote in as mayor?

Complacent, diplomatic, honest Harry Davis, with a face full of smiles and untold shakes in each hand,

—OR—

Plain, blunt, honest Pete Witt, with a head full of brains and a punch in each hand?



"And they do say!"

NORTON SAYS DAVIS PANACEA 'HUMBUG'

Ridicules Rival's Proposal to Unite County and City to Prevent Deficits.

Says Administration Abolished Commission to Rob Sinking Fund.

Miner G. Norton, candidate for mayor, in speeches last night characterized as "humbug" the proposal of his Republican opponent, Harry L. Davis, to join county and city as a remedy for straitened financial circumstances of Cleveland.

Speaking before 200 at the Western Reserve club, E. 55th-st and Cedar-av S. E., Mr. Norton applied the same adjective to Peter Witt's plea to elect him mayor so he can go to the legislature and demand tax reform.

Mr. Norton gave a history of the city's financial condition, going back several years and describing the bonded indebtedness of the city as "$77 for every man, woman and child."

"Why, interest alone on the debt is $2 per capita," said Mr. Norton. "And $8,000,000 has been added to the city's bonded debt of $54,000,000 in a little more than a year.

"Time was when the water department was sacred; when that department paid for itself because water rents went directly into its fund. And yet the condition of that department is now so deplorable that on April 1, 1915, when a debt of approximately $187,000 fell due there was no money in the department's treasury to pay it. "Those people in the city hall abolished the sinking fund commission when they first began to run short of money, so they could put their own men in control and rob that fund. Then they wrote into the charter a clause giving council the power to rob any department fund to pay the debts of another. When that began to fail them in the matter of providing ready money, and they found themselves unable to pay interest on bonds, the bonds were refunded. The city has almost discontinued taking up bonds when they mature. Refunding them is easier.

"And now Mr. Davis wants to take the county in and make the county pay to run the city. He forgets the county has been paving the city's streets and building its bridges to the extent of millions of dollars."

Cheers followed Mr. Norton's prediction he will be elected.

Attacking Mr. Witt's administration as street railway commissioner at a meeting in the Twentieth Ward Republican club, E. 88th-st, near Hough-av N. E., Mr. Norton quoted figures in an attempt to prove that the cost of sixty-eight miles of railroad built by Mr. Witt represents money enough to build 277 miles. An increase of approximately $16,000,000 in the appraised valuation of the Cleveland Railway Co. since Mr. Witt took office showed this, Mr. Norton contended.

In his last meeting at the Twenty-second Ward Norton club, 1467 Addison-rd N. E., the candidate assailed the administration for building the Cleveland Heights reservoir on high ground. If the reservoir ever breaks it will flood the entire East Side residential district, he declared.

At this meeting Mr. Norton was greeted by Scotch bagpipes.

Leaving a meeting in a hall at 5210 Woodland-av S. E., Mr. Norton found the Salen tent directly opposite. He listened to Candidate Charles P. Salen for several minutes from a place on the outskirts of the crowd.

"Charley is entertaining, at least," he said.

SALEN DEMANDING RAILWAY PAY TAX

Candidate, Scoring Witt, Charges Car Company Owes $1,000,000 on Back Levies.

Charles P. Salen told nineteenth ward voters last night that he will force the Cleveland Railway Company to pay its taxes if he is elected mayor.

Salen said that by the first of the year the company will owe $1,000,000 in back taxes. He blamed Peter Witt for having failed to use his influence as street railway commissioner to collect the assessments.

"Instead of forcing the company to pay taxes, which it now owes for 1913 and 1914, Witt has really helped the company to keep this money from the county and the city," Salen said. "When I take the mayor's chair, the company will be operated on a different basis if I have to assume the office of street railway commissioner myself."

Salen said he would try to establish an eight-hour day for railway employees, if elected, and that he would see that Cleveland was given better street car service. The meeting was held at 11026 Cedar ave.

At a meeting in the twenty-second ward at 7311 Wade Park ave., Salen attacked Congressman Robert Crosser.

"Crosser is fighting me and my followers," Salen said. "Yet my campaign is identical to the one he waged last fall against gang rule. Practically every man who backed him last fall is enlisted in this nonpartisan movement. I am surprised that he would cringe to the domination of the organization which he fought."

Salen also spoke to an audience of 350 men at the Hungarian National hall, 8804 Buckeye rd., at Szaba hall, 8637 Buckeye rd., at Koenig's hall, 3704 Superior ave., and at a meeting of the Cleveland Horseshoers' Association at the Pythian temple.

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A large crowd flocked to the tent. Scores of hecklers, too, were present and bobbed up continually.

Mr. Salen, who came late, apparently had been "tipped off" to the presence of these hecklers and in his introduction warned that he would answer no questions until he had concluded his speech.

Still they persisted until the police escorted a half dozen from the tent, one, in the fourth row, at Mr. Salen's request.

In discussing the liquor license commission, Mr. Salen said former Gov. James M. Cox appointed E. W. Horn and John Krause to the board "on recommendation of the city hall gang, largely on the behest of W. B. Gongwer and T. L. McDonough. Of Mr. Gongwer he said, "Although placed in an office which is supposed to eliminate the holder from active politics, Gongwer still is striving to retain his position as boss of the organization."

"What's that got to do with the mayoralty campaign?" shouted a spectator.

"A great deal," replied Mr. Salen. "The man who is back of this organization is the boss who is back of Peter Witt in this campaign."

"No sooner had the commission been appointed," continued Mr. Salen "than word was passed out that any saloonkeeper wanting a license must get it through the recommendation of Gongwer or McDonough, especially the former. The average saloonkeeper became nervous and there was all sorts of wire pulling. The campaign of Newton Baker for re-election as mayor was on. Every applicant was advised by Gongwer to get out and hustle and, if he showed good results, he would be secure in obtaining a license.

"In the granting of licenses the enemies of the organization were punished and its friends rewarded, and the list O. K.'d by Gongwer and McDonough was adopted by the commission."

After stating licenses had been removed from politics this year through an order that they be made public before election day, Mr. Salen said:

"The domination of Gongwer over the commissioners is, however, just as absolute as ever. The new list was announced last Saturday. Nearly all of the afternoon of Friday, the day before, Krause and Horn were closeted with Gongwer in the office of collector of customs and at this session Gongwer dictated exactly to whom the licenses should be issued. Krause and Horn did not leave Gongwer's office until 4:10 p. m., after which Gongwer announced to callers that the entire list had been agreed upon."

Mr. Salen then recalled the presentation to Mr. Gongwer of a Velie automobile by the local manager of that company, following newspaper articles against the use of city owned autos by election board members. He charged that Mr. Gongwer had thereupon interested himself in promoting the sales of this company and that he had brought improper influence to bear through liquor license commissioners upon saloonkeepers who were contemplating the purchase of automobiles. He charged that the board members, on Mr. Gongwer's solicitation went so far as to call on saloonkeepers in the interest of this make of automobile, though he admitted no attempts at coercion were ever made by the board.

Again attacking the commissioners, Mr. Salen said:

"It is generally known that the commissioners dictate the make of beer which each saloonkeeper may sell when the license is issued to him. This has resulted in the elimination of competition in the beer business, and the saloonkeeper is at the mercy of the brewer with whom he is required to deal."

He promised further "exposures" of this commission before the week is out and many more stories concerning city hall employes and Mr. Witt, saying he will keep up this campaign until election day.

At the conclusion of his remarks on the license commission, Mr. Salen went over the ground covered Tuesday night, including his story of a hotel on Prospect-av S. E.

In discussing the hotel, Mr. Salen drew from his pocket a yellow slip of paper which he said was a check dated Oct. 28, 1914, made out to Peter Witt by a woman in payment of rent for the hotel.

"He lied yesterday, he lied today and before the week is over I think I'll be able to show you his company still owns the lease."

Mr. Salen, accompanied by Mrs. Salen, arrived at the tent about 9 p. m. Applause greeted him and he was accompanied to the platform by Willie Weinzimmer, 7, and his sister, Florence, 4, children of Harry Weinzimmer, 4961 Outhwaite-av S. E. The children bore a bouquet of chrysanthemums to present to the candidate and with it a note. Mr. Salen accepted the flowers, kissed the little girl, and read the note, which thanked him for what he had done for the children of Cleveland. Then he handed the bouquet to Mrs. Salen. This was the second night Mr. Salen received flowers from children.

At the conclusion of his speech, Mr. Salen invited questions.

A dozen questioners got up, notwithstanding cries of "Sit down. Shut up! Throw him out! Die, die!"

A circular was handed him charging that he said "Every huckster ought to pay $50 a year."

"It's a lie," he said.

"Did you get approximately $150,000 in fees when you were county clerk?" one questioner asked.

"No."

"How much did you get?"

"That's my business."

NORTON WANTS TO SEE 'CIRCUS'

Eager to Take in Show, But Couldn't.

PRESS

Miner G. Norton halted his own speaking tour Wednesday night and listened for 15 minutes outside the tent where Charlie Salen was giving a combination picture show and political talk.

"It's a fine circus," said Norton. "I'd rather stay and listen than go on with my own meetings.

"Fortunately, the votes don't follow the biggest noise."

Because the Salen tent was just across the street, Norton found a very small crowd at Baumoel's hall, 3210 Woodland-av, where he spoke in favor of the Cleveland & Youngstown and union depot ordinances.

"The Baldwin reservoir on Cleveland Heights not only was extravagantly built," Norton told the twenty-second ward Norton club, 1467 Addison-rd. "It was so located by the city administration that it is a menace to half the city. If it ever breaks it will cause a terrible flood."

A bagpiper met Norton outside the club and with his music helped collect a crowd.

Owen Evans, chairman of the twentieth ward republican club, introduced Norton at a meeting in E. 88th-pl, and rapped candidate Davis for not accepting the club's invitation to attend.

"We wanted both candidates to have a chance to speak," Evans said. "Norton was the only one who cared enough for our invitation to accept."

"Pete Witt's own statement of his management of the Concon brands him a failure," Norton charged.

Before the Western Reserve club, E. 55th-pl, Norton criticised [illegible] alleged

DAVIS DEFENDS HIS TREASURER RECORD

Candidate Cries 'Lies, Falsehoods,' in Talking of Anti Pamphlet.

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Reiterates Charges City Administration Wastes Money.

"Nothing but lies and falsehoods" was the way Mayoralty Candidate Harry L. Davis last night described criticisms of his city treasurership, which he read from a pamphlet he said had been issued in Peter Witt's behalf.

Mr. Davis defended his record as city treasurer at his tent meeting in Fairview park, W. 38th-st and Franklin-av N. W.

He did not allude to Candidate Charles P. Salen's Tuesday night "expose," but W. J. Hart, candidate for council in the eighth ward, and the opening speaker declared "there will be nothing said or thrown on a screen at this meeting that will injure the sensibilities of any of the ladies or gentlemen present."

Answering the pamphlet's charge that he had employed incompetent help while city treasurer, Mr. Davis said both the state auditor and the Russell Sage foundation had "complimented us on the way we ran our office."

"I don't want to exchange personalities," said Mr. Davis, "but when a candidate for mayor permits the circulation of the sort of stuff that is in that pamphlet, I say he should be defeated no matter who he is. Mr. Witt didn't dare say those things in our debate at the Grays armory, but he calls names when he gets away with his own gang."

While making his customary charges that the city administration continually wastes money Mr. Davis said:

"I read in the papers the other day that in Birmingham, Ala., the heads of the several city departments are penalized if they spend more money than is appropriated for their departments.

"If that was done in Cleveland every city official would be serving time at the workhouse."

This got a laugh.

Mr. Davis visited a half dozen meetings. Other speakers at the tent were Lamar T. Beeman and Attorney Pierre White.

"TO RIDE WITH WINNER, VOTE FOR ME"--WITT

"I'll be Your Next Mayor on First Choice Votes," He Tells Crowd.

MEETING PLEASES FRIENDS

Pete Calls His Opponents "Boy, an Old Man and a Sport."

Pete Witt's followers Thursday were delighted with the big reception Pete got Wednesday night from Harry L. Davis' neighbors.

One of the two democratic tents was pitched at Harvard-av and E. 91st-st, just a few blocks from where Davis lives. It was packed by a throng that cheered Witt wildly.

"If you want to ride with the winner," Witt told his audience in the tent at Buckeye-rd and E. 93d-st, "you'd better vote for Pete Witt, for as sure as he is standing before you, he will be your next mayor on first choice votes."

"I haven't had as good a time in this campaign as I expected," added Witt. "Instead of having one good man to fight, I've had three poor ones.

Witt's Idea of Salen.

"All that I have had to oppose me in this campaign is a boy who never could learn; an old man too old to learn; and a sport, who'd cheat himself at solitaire and who could hide behind a corkscrew.

"The boy, Davis, was pushed into debate with me last Saturday night. His managers wrote a speech for him that he read, and when, in rebuttal, he had to stand on his own feet, he couldn't talk longer than three minutes.

"The old man lives in the past and can't forget the days when Cleveland was a village. The sport, self-styled, who's performing in the sideshow, never did anything bigger than run a peanut stand.

"Norton says I'm going to collect royalties because I'm seeking a patent on the car of my own design, the car with a front entrance and center exit.

"Yes, I'm going to collect royalties on that car from all over the United States, but the car riders of Cleveland never will have to pay any royalties on it to me.

"We are demonstrating the success of three-cent light here to everyone except Davis, Norton and the 'sport.' They object to the city selling cheap power in the day, not knowing that that is the way to get cheap light at night.

"When I'm mayor, Sam Scovil of the Illuminating Co. is going to be taken into the woodshed and told to reduce the price of light."

PRESS

Fancy madras 9½c

Short lengths of woven madras—attractive stripes suitable for children's dresses, waists and shirts. 32-inch width. 25c quality.

Light percales 6c

Short lengths of 10c quality. 36-inch width—neat designs for dresses, aprons and children's rompers.

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A large crowd flocked to the tent. Scores of hecklers, too, were present and bobbed up continually.

Mr. Salen, who came late, apparently had been "tipped off" to the presence of these hecklers and in his introduction warned that he would answer no questions until he had concluded his speech.

Still they persisted until the police escorted a half dozen from the tent, one, in the fourth row, at Mr. Salen's request.

In discussing the liquor license commission, Mr. Salen said former Gov. James M. Cox appointed E. W. Horn and John Krause to the board "on recommendation of the city hall gang, largely on the behest of W. B. Gongwer and T. L. McDonough. Of Mr. Gongwer he said, "Although placed in an office which is supposed to eliminate the holder from active politics, Gongwer still is striving to retain his position as boss of the organization."

"What's that got to do with the mayoralty campaign?" shouted a spectator.

"A great deal," replied Mr. Salen. "The man who is back of this organization is the boss who is back of Peter Witt in this campaign."

"No sooner had the commission been appointed," continued Mr. Salen "than word was passed out that any saloonkeeper wanting a license must get it through the recommendation of Gongwer or McDonough, especially the former. The average saloonkeeper became nervous and there was all sorts of wire pulling. The campaign of Newton Baker for re-election as mayor was on. Every applicant was advised by Gongwer to get out and hustle and, if he showed good results, he would be secure in obtaining a license.

"In the granting of licenses the enemies of the organization were punished and its friends rewarded, and the list O. K.'d by Gongwer and McDonough was adopted by the commission."

After stating licenses had been removed from politics this year through an order that they be made public before election day, Mr. Salen said:

"The domination of Gongwer over the commissioners is, however, just as absolute as ever. The new list was announced last Saturday. Nearly all of the afternoon of Friday, the day before, Krause and Horn were closeted with Gongwer in the office of collector of customs and at this session Gongwer dictated exactly to whom the licenses should be issued. Krause and Horn did not leave Gongwer's office until 4:10 p. m., after which Gongwer announced to callers that the entire list had been agreed upon."

Mr. Salen then recalled the presentation to Mr. Gongwer of a Velie automobile by the local manager of that company, following newspaper articles against the use of city owned autos by election board members. He charged that Mr. Gongwer had thereupon interested himself in promoting the sales of this company and that he had brought improper influence to bear through liquor license commissioners upon saloonkeepers who were contemplating the purchase of automobiles. He charged that the board members, on Mr. Gongwer's solicitation went so far as to call on saloonkeepers in the interest of this make of automobile, though he admitted no attempts at coercion were ever made by the board.

Again attacking the commissioners, Mr. Salen said:

"It is generally known that the commissioners dictate the make of beer which each saloonkeeper may sell when the license is issued to him. This has resulted in the elimination of competition in the beer business, and the saloonkeeper is at the mercy of the brewer with whom he is required to deal."

He promised further "exposures" of this commission before the week is out and many more stories concerning city hall employes and Mr. Witt saying he will keep up this campaign until election day.

At the conclusion of his remarks on the license commission, Mr. Salen went over the ground covered Tuesday night, including his story of a hotel on Prospect-av S. E.

In discussing the hotel, Mr. Salen drew from his pocket a yellow slip of paper which he said was a check dated Oct. 28, 1914, made out to Peter Witt by a woman in payment of rent for the hotel.

"He lied yesterday, he lied today and before the week is over I think I'll be able to show you his company still owns the lease."

Mr. Salen, accompanied by Mrs. Salen, arrived at the tent about 9 p. m. Applause greeted him and he was accompanied to the platform by Willie Weinzimmer, 7, and his sister, Florence, 4, children of Harry Weinzimmer, 4961 Outhwaite-av S. E. The children bore a bouquet of chrysanthemums to present to the candidate and with it a note. Mr. Salen accepted the flowers, kissed the little girl, and read the note, which thanked him for what he had done for the children of Cleveland. Then he handed the bouquet to Mrs. Salen. This was the second night Mr. Salen received flowers from children.

At the conclusion of his speech, Mr. Salen invited questions.

A dozen questioners got up, notwithstanding cries of "Sit down. Shut up! Throw him out! Die, die!"

A circular was handed him charging that he said "Every huckster ought to pay $50 a year."

"It's a lie," he said.

"Did you get approximately $150,000 in fees when you were county clerk?" one questioner asked.

"No."

"How much did you get?"

"That's my business."

NORTON WANTS TO SEE 'CIRCUS'

Eager to Take in Show, But Couldn't.

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Miner G. Norton halted his own speaking tour Wednesday night and listened for 15 minutes outside the tent where Charlie Salen was giving a combination picture show and political talk.

"It's a fine circus," said Norton. "I'd rather stay and listen than go on with my own meetings.

"Fortunately, the votes don't follow the biggest noise."

Because the Salen tent was just across the street, Norton found a very small crowd at Baumoel's hall, 3210 Woodland-av, where he spoke in favor of the Cleveland & Youngstown and union depot ordinances.

"The Baldwin reservoir on Cleveland Heights not only was extravagantly built," Norton told the twenty-second ward Norton club, 1467 Addison-rd. "It was so located by the city administration that it is a menace to half the city. If it ever breaks it will cause a terrible flood."

A bagpiper met Norton outside the club and with his music helped collect a crowd.

Owen Evans, chairman of the twentieth ward republican club, introduced Norton at a meeting in E. 88th-pl, and rapped candidate Davis for not accepting the club's invitation to attend.

"We wanted both candidates to have a chance to speak," Evans said. "Norton was the only one who cared enough for our invitation to accept."

"Pete Witt's own statement of his management of the Concon brands him a failure," Norton charged.

Before the Western Reserve club, E. 55th-pl, Norton criticised [illegible] alleged

DAVIS DEFENDS HIS TREASURER RECORD

Candidate Cries 'Lies, Falsehoods,' in Talking of Anti Pamphlet.

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Reiterates Charges City Administration Wastes Money.

"Nothing but lies and falsehoods" was the way Mayoralty Candidate Harry L. Davis last night described criticisms of his city treasurership, which he read from a pamphlet he said had been issued in Peter Witt's behalf.

Mr. Davis defended his record as city treasurer at his tent meeting in Fairview park, W. 38th-st and Franklin-av N. W.

He did not allude to Candidate Charles P. Salen's Tuesday night "expose," but W. J. Hart, candidate for council in the eighth ward, and the opening speaker declared "there will be nothing said or thrown on a screen at this meeting that will injure the sensibilities of any of the ladies or gentlemen present."

Answering the pamphlet's charge that he had employed incompetent help while city treasurer, Mr. Davis said both the state auditor and the Russell Sage foundation had "complimented us on the way we ran our office."

"I don't want to exchange personalities," said Mr. Davis, "but when a candidate for mayor permits the circulation of the sort of stuff that is in that pamphlet, I say he should be defeated no matter who he is. Mr. Witt didn't dare say those things in our debate at the Grays armory, but he calls names when he gets away with his own gang."

While making his customary charges that the city administration continually wastes money Mr. Davis said:

"I read in the papers the other day that in Birmingham, Ala., the heads of the several city departments are penalized if they spend more money than is appropriated for their departments.

"If that was done in Cleveland every city official would be serving time at the workhouse."

This got a laugh.

Mr. Davis visited a half dozen meetings. Other speakers at the tent were Lamar T. Beeman and Attorney Pierre White.

"TO RIDE WITH WINNER, VOTE FOR ME"--WITT

"I'll be Your Next Mayor on First Choice Votes," He Tells Crowd.

MEETING PLEASES FRIENDS

Pete Calls His Opponents "Boy, an Old Man and a Sport."

Pete Witt's followers Thursday were delighted with the big reception Pete got Wednesday night from Harry L. Davis' neighbors.

One of the two democratic tents was pitched at Harvard-av and E. 91st-st, just a few blocks from where Davis lives. It was packed by a throng that cheered Witt wildly.

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"If you want to ride with the winner," Witt told his audience in the tent at Buckeye-rd and E. 93d-st, "you'd better vote for Pete Witt, for as sure as he is standing before you, he will be your next mayor on first choice votes."

"I haven't had as good a time in this campaign as I expected," added Witt. "Instead of having one good man to fight, I've had three poor ones.

Witt's Idea of Salen.

"All that I have had to oppose me in this campaign is a boy who never could learn; an old man too old to learn; and a sport, who'd cheat himself at solitaire and who could hide behind a corkscrew.

"The boy, Davis, was pushed into debate with me last Saturday night. His managers wrote a speech for him that he read, and when, in rebuttal, he had to stand on his own feet, he couldn't talk longer than three minutes.

"The old man lives in the past and can't forget the days when Cleveland was a village. The sport, self-styled, who's performing in the sideshow, never did anything bigger than run a peanut stand.

"Norton says I'm going to collect royalties because I'm seeking a patent on the car of my own design, the car with a front entrance and center exit.

"Yes, I'm going to collect royalties on that car from all over the United States, but the car riders of Cleveland never will have to pay any royalties on it to me.

"We are demonstrating the success of three-cent light here to everyone except Davis, Norton and the 'sport.' They object to the city selling cheap power in the day, not knowing that that is the way to get cheap light at night.

"When I'm mayor, Sam Scovil of the Illuminating Co. is going to be taken into the woodshed and told to reduce the price of light."

Wants Election to Honor Wife.

"I don't want this job of mayor for honor, unless it be for the honor of my wife, who's made me all that I am, or to leave as a legacy to my daughters the fact that their father rose from molder to mayor.

"I do want to be mayor for the power it will give me to help bring about the day of equal opportunity for all and the other things for which I've been battling 30 years."

At one of his meetings, Witt intimated he would ask muny ownership of telephones, unless the companies agreed to consolidate or exchange service.

Tom Coughlin, who spoke at the Harvard-av tent, said he was sure the voters would be able to discriminate between "Pete Witt with his constructive policies and the other candidates, a slanderer, a novice and a has been."

Witt indorsed Bill Thompson for councilman at the Harvard-av tent, saying, "I have no councilmanic slate, but if I had a vote here, I'd vote for Bill Thompson, whose stood loyally and faithfully by me in the development of my office."

Flying Drive for Votes, Now Plan in Campaign on Cleveland Front

Boosters to Beat Bushes to Get Citizens to Polls as Fight Is Nearing End.

BY JOHN T. BOURKE.

Campaign managers for the several candidates for mayor yesterday began their preparations for getting voters to the polls a week from today. While the candidates are on the stump this week the committees charged with the detailed work of their respective campaigns will interview the ward and precinct workers, giving them instructions for election day.

Miner G. Norton and his lieutenants gave their whole attention to organization efforts yesterday. The Norton headquarters in the Society for Savings building were crowded all day with men who will hustle for votes on election day, challengers who will be on duty in the booths when the votes are being cast and witnesses of the count.

Democratic Workers Rally Today.

All the ward leaders of the Democratic organization have been notified to appear at the headquarters in the Engineers building at 4 o'clock this afternoon to receive their instructions. Chairman Robert J. Bulkley, of the Democratic committee, will be the schoolmaster and tell the leaders what they are to do next Tuesday.

Later in the week the leaders will be called to headquarters again to receive election day supplies.

The Democratic organization is redoubling its efforts for the election of Peter Witt this week and for that reason will use two tents every night. The explanation is that territory is to be covered in which tent meetings have not been held in past years.

Salen Opens in Tent Tonight.

Salen League officers, following an organization meeting Sunday, yesterday obtained cards for challengers and witnesses which are to be placed in the hands of workers this week. The league committee also completed arrangements for the opening tent meeting of the Salen campaign tonight.

Charles P. Salen at this meeting promises to start what he says is his real campaign and will deliver a two hours' speech, illustrated with stereopticon views, in which it is declared he will turn his big guns on the present city administration.

At Harry L. Davis' headquarters the organization work which has been in progress for two weeks was continued, ward leaders and precinct captains calling there in large numbers for instructions.

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Norton Talks to Workingmen.

Norton was the only mayoralty candidate not on the stump last night. His only speech yesterday was at the works of the Bishop & Babcock Company, in E. 55th st., where at noon in one of the shops he addressed a large number of workmen.

Norton said that as mayor he would recognize no classes but would treat all people alike. He promised a fair deal to both employer and employee in all matters that might come before him as the executive of the city.

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Backus Withdraws.

William Vernon Backus, withdrew yesterday as a candidate for chief justice of the municipal court, leaving the field to Judge William H. McGannon and F. William Kurzenberger.

In a public statement he charged that the present city election, while theoretically nonpartisan, was practically the most intensely partisan campaign in years.

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Wigwam to Open.

The Twentieth Ward Republican Club will open its wigwam at its new location on E. 88th pl. tomorrow night. The wigwam was recently moved and has been repaired and made more cozy.

Owen Evans, president of the club, has invited Davis and Norton and all other Republicans running for office to speak at the opening meeting.

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The monthly meeting of the Cuyahoga County League of Republican Clubs will be held tonight on the top floor of the Engineers building.

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Wetzel's Promises.

Carl F. Wetzel, Republican candidate for councilman from the Twenty-fourth ward, in a pamphlet addressed to voters of the ward, issued yesterday, says if elected he will do these things:

Establish an office at St. Clair ave. and E. 105th st., so that all the constituents can conveniently locate their councilman and inform him of their needs.

Put self-addressed printed blanks for complaints about defects in the public service in the fire station and at centrally located places in various parts of the ward.

Make frequent trips through the ward to see for himself what is needed.

Hold a number of meetings during the year in order to inform citizens of the progress of legislation and improvements.

Work for better street lights for the city at large, especially in his ward, and for a "great white way" along St. Clair ave., from the boulevard to east of E. 105th st. and the entire length of E. 105th st. to Superior ave.

Seek to provide a shelter house and comfort station at St. Clair ave. and E. 105th st.

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Red Fire for Fleming.

Red fire is to be burned Friday night when a meeting at Ideal hall, 2400 Central ave., in behalf of the candidacy of Thomas W. Fleming for councilman will be preceded by a street parade.

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Notice was sent to the members of the Electrical League yesterday that Witt, Davis, Salen and Norton would address them on Thursday in Assembly hall, Hollenden Hotel.

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Brady Working Hard.

Francis V. Brady, candidate for justice of the peace in Lakewood, is making a strenuous campaign, though he is handicapped by loss of eyesight.

Brady, despite his affliction, passed through the Cleveland elementary schools and was graduated from East High school. He received his degree of bachelor of arts from Oberlin college and then studied law at Western Reserve university, from which he was graduated last June, and subsequently passed the state bar examination.

If elected to office he says his maxim will be: "What is not justice is not law."

Today's Political Calendar

Davis meetings, evening—L. Petznier's pool room, 3713 Fulton rd. Speakers, Harry L. Davis, Lamar Beeman, W. J. Hart, P. J. Haber. Prochaska hall, Fleet ave. and E. 50th st. Speakers, Harry L. Davis, A. B. Sprosty, Frank Zoska. Tent, Cedar ave. and E. 55th st. Speakers, John J. Sullivan, chairman; Harry L. Davis, P. A. White, W. S. FitzGerald, Harry L. Vail. Garibaldi hall, Murray Hill rd. Speakers, Ralph di Cozzi, John D. Marshall, Harry L. Davis.

Norton meetings—Twenty-third Ward Norton Club, 6021 St. Clair ave., evening. Speakers, Miner G. Norton, J. W. Holcomb, F. J. Van Wye, Carl H. Wells, Raymond E. Hyre, J. C. Bloch, G. E. Morgan, S. S. Ford, G. O. Farquharson. Twenty-fifth Ward Republican Club, Virginia hall, E. 105th st. and Superior ave., evening. Speakers, Miner G. Norton, F. J. Van Wye, Carl H. Wells, Raymond E. Hyre. Young Men's Norton Club, Cuyahoga restaurant, 12:15 p. m. Speakers, Miner G. Norton, Raymond E. Hyre. Seventh Ward Norton Club, 3123 Scranton ave., evening. Speakers, Miner G. Norton, J. C. Bloch, G. E. Morgan, S. S. Ford, G. O. Farquharson.

Salen meeting, evening—Tent, 13807 St. Clair ave. Speaker, Charles P. Salen.

Witt meetings, evening—Tent, E. 66th st., opposite Zoeter ave. Speakers, Peter Witt, Thomas Coughlin, Newton D. Baker. Tent, E. 72d st. and Kinsman rd. Speakers, Peter Witt, H. R. Cooley, Newton D. Baker. Sycamore Club, Dunn's hall, 2858 W. 25th st. Speakers, Peter Witt, Stephen M. Young, E. B. Haserodt, John Zangerle.

Socialist meetings, evening—Jaite hall, 6006 St. Clair ave. Speakers, Mathias Petrovich, C. E. Ruthenberg, Tom Clifford. Bohemian National hall, E. 49th st. and Broadway. Speakers, Charles Pintner, C. E. Ruthenberg.

CALLS DAVIS BOOB, NORTON HAS-BEEN

Witt Resumes Attack on Rivals; Says Salen Runs a Sideshow.

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Opposition candidates for mayor were assailed by Peter Witt at three meetings last night. Witt said that he would be a strong boss if elected to the office.

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"Boob" was the term used by Witt in describing Harry L. Davis. He said that Miner G. Norton was a "has-been," and that "plug-uglies" would support the "performer in the sideshow," referring to Charles P. Salen.

Witt spoke at tent meetings at E. 66th st., opposite Zoeter ave., and at Kinsman rd. and E. 72d st. Later in the evening he addressed the Sycamore Club, the West Side Democratic organization.

"I will be elected mayor on first choice votes just as sure as the sun rises and sets," said Witt in opening the E. 66th st. meeting. "None of the other candidates presents any program. The strongest lives in the past. He thinks of the days when he was in office and Cleveland was a village.

"Davis raises his arm like Dr. Munyon and cries extravagance. He says that he wi'l make the best mayor the city ever had. Pretty strong for a boob, but he says it. If you are satisfied to vote for one man and have another man mayor, vote for Harry.

"The other candidate is running a little sideshow. He won't get enough votes to count. If anybody wants to beat Pete Witt don't go into the sideshow. Go into one of the big tents."

Witt at the Sycamore Club meeting said that Davis preached economy, but that the only suggestions he had made were to consolidate the work of thirteen inspectors in the street cleaning and street repair division and have a $104 per month policeman do the work of notice servers.

"He is a wonderful kid," said Witt, with a laugh. "But he is running for the wrong job. He ought to be the director of the mint. Davis says he will surround himself with strong men. General FitzGerald, George Harris, of East Cleveland; George Meyers, of Cleveland Heights, and Maurice Maschke, of Lakewood, I suppose."

"The boss and the mayor will be in the same room and sitting in the same chair when I am elected mayor."

Witt said that home rule at present was "hamstrung," and that it would not really be effective until the city had control of its taxes and could "put a tax on laziness and indifference."

DITTRICK PROTESTS USE OF CITY AUTOS IN POLITICS

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Use of the city automobiles by attendants at Democratic tent meetings is to bring a protest from Councilman Dittrick today. He claims that the ordinance requiring municipally-owned machines to be labelled, is being flagrantly violated.

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"I don't see why taxpayers should buy machines to help swell the crowds at the Witt meetings," said Dittrick yesterday. "There is a city ordinance requiring machines owned by the city to be marked in three-inch letters. Few of the city cars are now marked. I intend to see Director of Public Service Sidlo today and find out why the ordinance is not being observed."

Dittrick charges that there have been several city-owned cars at the tent meetings almost every night since the campaign opened.

NOISY THRONG HEARS SALEN'S WITT ATTACK

Hecklers Make Much Confusion at Big Tent Meeting.

SAYS PETER DECEIVES

Charges He'll Show Rival Just Got Rid of Norman Hotel.

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The second night of Charles P. Salen's "unmasking of the Democratic organization" and its candidate, Peter Witt, proved to be one of the most boisterous gatherings of the mayoralty campaign, in addition to being one of the best attended tent meetings yet held.

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Persistent heckling by obviously "planted" questioners, individual fights, and other commotions constantly interrupted the speaker and kept the meeting in an uproar.

Salen passed the "short and ugly" word to Witt directly, charging that the administration candidate had lied in his original explanation regarding his ownership of the Norman hotel, a rooming house of ill repute. He declared he would prove before the week was out that Witt had received rent from the hotel up to a few days ago.

Repeats Old Charges.

The speaker reiterated his charges of misuse of the street cleaning department employees and apparatus for private purposes by Street Cleaning Superintendent Hanna and again declared the city had wasted $4,500,000 in the construction of a reservoir in Cleveland Heights.

Salen's "new revelations" consisted of charges against the county liquor licensing board and Collector of Customs Burr Gongwer. He charged that Gongwer, with Tim McDonough, member of the board of elections, had dictated the successful license applicants and that Gongwer had, upon receipt of the gift of an automobile, urged saloonkeepers into purchasing that make of machine.

"What's that got to do with the municipal campaign?" shouted a heckler.

"Lots," came back Salen. "It is the organization which Gongwer controls that has put Witt up for mayor."

Asks Children to Leave.

Salen was again the recipient of a bunch of flowers presented by Florence and William Weinzimmer, aged four and seven years, respectively. As he drew toward the point of the discussion of the Norman hotel, he reiterated his request of the previous evening that children be withdrawn from the tent. Several women left with their children.

"Witt lied to you yesterday and he lied to you again today," shouted Salen as he launched into his expose of the Norman hotel deal.

"He said first that he disposed of the house shortly after 1910. Now he says he got rid of it sixteen months ago. I have canceled checks in my pocket showing that he collected the rent from it up to October, 1914, only twelve months ago.

"At that time the lease was assigned to the Leader Restaurant Company for $1 and only a few days later was reassigned to the Forest City Investment Company, of which Witt was secretary and treasurer.

"And I'll prove to you later that he as secretary-treasurer of the Forest City Investment Company was the owner up until October 4 of this year. Then someone evidently gave him another political tip, as he again got rid of it. No doubt when he is retired to private life next month he will again take over the lease and go into the dirty business once more."

Heckler Ejected.

"How do you stand on the tenderloin question"; "how much did you pay for the canceled checks?"; and "how do you know so much about the rules of the hotel?", were some of the questions constantly hurled at Salen during his talk on this subject. One heckler became so persistent that Salen ordered an officer to eject him. This was done, but a few minutes later the questioner returned and resumed his interruptions.

Tom Brannon, treasurer of the Democratic executive committee, backing Witt's candidacy, and other organization workers were among the crowd which was so large that the sidewalls of the tent were lifted to accommodate them.

Salen supporters charged that the hecklers were workers from Democratic organization headquarters and had been "planted" there. As the meeting progressed the crowd became divided in its cheers and jeers. One part would boo-hoo every statement of Salen and another would cheer.

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At one point a shouting and scuffling was heard on the fringe of the crowd.

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"Fight," "Fight," came the cry. Salen workers in the throng and on the platform jumped to their feet and implored the crowd not to be distracted, crying that it was a "fake disturbance."

During Witt's discussion of the Norman hotel, a woman heckler arose but her question was drowned out in the continued hubbub and noise. Salen again and again told the crowd he would answer questions after he had finished his "expose." His statements were met with cries of "Why don't you answer now?" "Are you afraid to answer questions?"

Attacks Hecklers.

Salen became so incensed over the constant turmoil that he denounced the questioners as part of the "city hall gang" and declared that those who didn't stop questioning him would be put out of the tent.

As Salen continued a man got up who said he was John Sheehan, the man whom Salen had charged with living in Cleveland Heights and renting "an old plug" of a horse to the city.

"When you were director of public works who did you appoint superintendent of street cleaning and why did you send him to New York?" he demanded.

"I employed a man by the name of Wilhelm and sent him to New York to buy apparatus for street cleaning work so that we could do away with the letting of private contracts for it," answered Salen. As the man attempted to put another question he was shouted down.

"Didn't you, as head of public works, buy all horses for the fire department of your father-in-law, Aaron Schwab?" was shouted from another section of the audience.

"A lie," laughed Salen. "A horse dealer named Thorman just the other day told me he was going to vote for me just because I was so fair in the purchase of horses for the city."

"Didn't you get $150,000 in fees out of the county clerk's office?" came another question.

"I did not" was Salen's answer.

"How much did you get?"

"That's my business."

Heckler Is Laughed At.

Salen was handed a hand bill charging that he had attempted to attach a license fee upon the hucksters. "Answer it," shouted the heckler.

"That is anonymously circulated and I refuse to answer it until the man who published it comes forward to put the question," said Salen.

"I'm a worker for the drys," announced another heckler as he arose to ask a question. A shout of derision greeted his announcement.

"I want to know whether you will allow clubs to sell booze on Sunday if you are elected?" the questioner finally asked.

"I have stated my stand on that question in my platform," said Salen. "I'm against interference with social club activities."

As the picture of the Norman hotel and the check was flashed upon the stereopticon screen, a chorus of cries arose:

"Which is Pete's room?"; "Got him, Charley"; "He signed his death warrant with that check," and "Good-by, Pete," were some of them.

Salen declared the present administration had praised its work as "uplifting." He then stated that "evidently Witt intends to continue the 'uplift' work as he raised the rent on this hotel property when he became owner of it."

Urges Witt's Defeat.

Salen again appealed to the "good, decency-loving people" of the city to defeat "a man who makes profit from such a low, degrading form of vice."

"Witt must have known the nature of the business," shouted Salen. "It was notorious for years. The rules showed the type of house it was. I appeal to your common sense in the matter.

"It was protected by the police Officers raiding it were changed another beat. The present administration protected it for years, so that Witt could make money with it. And then the administration has the audacity to pose as uplifters and gr moralists by wiping out the tenderloin, the business of which was near as dangerous and vicious as business of this hotel."

"These exposures will go on u election day. Every night I will s you some new way in which the administration has deceived the p lic and wasted its money.'"

DAVIS HITS BIG PAYROLL BOOST

LEADER

A million-dollar unnecessary increase in the city payroll was Harry Davis' chief point of attack against the Baker administration in his ten speech at Cedar ave. and E. 55th st last night.

"The welfare department was the chief offender in this unnecessary increase in operating exepnses," he charged. "That department asked for $795,000 for the year's appropriation against the $675,000 it cost the year before. At the end of six months even this money was all gone, and the city council was compelled to give them $418,000 to complete the year.

"The waterworks tunnel has cost

His early life on a farm had given him a love for horses, and he became interested in the purchase and sale of them. At one time he kept a livery.

'GET A TENT,' SAYS DAVIS TO HECKLERS

Candidate, Stung by Query, Denies City Has Car Service; Raps Fare.

White Says Fight's Between 'Dreamy Pete' and 'Horse-Sense Harry.'

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Hecklers again last night annoyed Harry L. Davis at his tent meeting, Cedar-av S. E. and E. 55th-st. One of the disturbers crowded down to the platform at the close of the meeting while Mr. Davis was shaking hands and asked why the mayoralty candidate didn't answer questions.

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Mr. Davis' reply was:

"I don't want to argue. Get a tent if you want to talk."

"Haven't we got street car service?" the heckler had asked earlier in the evening, and Mr. Davis' answer was "I think not."

The speaker was then advised to go to other cities and see the service there. He was asked if he were going to give Cleveland 3-cent fare instead of what he chose to call "4-cent fare for 30 per cent. of the car riders."

"You bet, and we are going to keep it. too," was the warm rejoinder.

Harry L. Vail and Councilman W. S. FitzGerald joined with the candidate in flaying alleged extravagances of the present administration. Mr. Davis' usual evening pledge that he would give the city "green breathing spots" for the poor was greeted here and there with derisive "Whews!!!"

The candidate characterized Peter Witt's promise of better phone service as "bunk."

"The administration knows its end is coming Jan. 1 and it is getting desperate, promising, always promising."

Mr. Vail, criticizing the street railway commissioner because of the expenditure on street railway barns and for the wages motormen and conductors get, asked:

"Why hasn't Mr. Witt tried to capitalize the human side of the company as well as the physical side?"

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NOISY THRONG HEARS SALEN'S WITT ATTACK

Hecklers Make Much Confusion at Big Tent Meeting.

SAYS PETER DECEIVES

Charges He'll Show Rival Just Got Rid of Norman Hotel.

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The second night of Charles P. Salen's "unmasking of the Democratic organization" and its candidate, Peter Witt, proved to be one of the most boisterous gatherings of the mayoralty campaign, in addition to being one of the best attended tent meetings yet held.

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Persistent heckling by obviously "planted" questioners, individual fights, and other commotions constantly interrupted the speaker and kept the meeting in an uproar.

Salen passed the "short and ugly" word to Witt directly, charging that the administration candidate had lied in his original explanation regarding his ownership of the Norman hotel, a rooming house of ill repute. He declared he would prove before the week was out that Witt had received rent from the hotel up to a few days ago.

Repeats Old Charges.

The speaker reiterated his charges of misuse of the street cleaning department employees and apparatus for private purposes by Street Cleaning Superintendent Hanna and again declared the city had wasted $4,500,000 in the construction of a reservoir in Cleveland Heights.

Salen's "new revelations" consisted of charges against the county liquor licensing board and Collector of Customs Burr Gongwer. He charged that Gongwer, with Tim McDonough, member of the board of elections, had dictated the successful license applicants and that Gongwer had, upon receipt of the gift of an automobile, urged saloonkeepers into purchasing that make of machine.

"What's that got to do with the municipal campaign?" shouted a heckler.

"Lots," came back Salen. "It is the organization which Gongwer controls that has put Witt up for mayor."

Asks Children to Leave.

Salen was again the recipient of a bunch of flowers presented by Florence and William Weinzimmer, aged four and seven years, respectively. As he drew toward the point of the discussion of the Norman hotel, he reiterated his request of the previous evening that children be withdrawn from the tent. Several women left with their children.

"Witt lied to you yesterday and he lied to you again today," shouted Salen as he launched into his expose of the Norman hotel deal.

"He said first that he disposed of the house shortly after 1910. Now he says he got rid of it sixteen months ago. I have canceled checks in my pocket showing that he collected the rent from it up to October, 1914, only twelve months ago.

"At that time the lease was assigned to the Leader Restaurant Company for $1 and only a few days later was reassigned to the Forest City Investment Company, of which Witt was secretary and treasurer.

"And I'll prove to you later that he as secretary-treasurer of the Forest City Investment Company was the owner up until October 4 of this year. Then someone evidently gave him another political tip, as he again got rid of it. No doubt when he is retired to private life next month he will again take over the lease and go into the dirty business once more."

Heckler Ejected.

"How do you stand on the tenderloin question"; "how much did you pay for the canceled checks?"; and "how do you know so much about the rules of the hotel?", were some of the questions constantly hurled at Salen during his talk on this subject. One heckler became so persistent that Salen ordered an officer to eject him. This was done, but a few minutes later the questioner returned and resumed his interruptions.

Tom Brannon, treasurer of the Democratic executive committee, backing Witt's candidacy, and other organization workers were among the crowd which was so large that the sidewalls of the tent were lifted to accommodate them.

Salen supporters charged that the hecklers were workers from Democratic organization headquarters and had been "planted" there. As the meeting progressed the crowd became divided in its cheers and jeers. One part would boo-hoo every statement of Salen and another would cheer.

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At one point a shouting and scuffling match broke out on the fringe of the crowd.

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"Fight," "Fight," came the cry. Salen workers in the throng and on the platform jumped to their feet and implored the crowd not to be distracted, crying that it was a "fake disturbance."

During Witt's discussion of the Norman hotel, a woman heckler arose but her question was drowned out in the continued hubbub and noise. Salen again and again told the crowd he would answer questions after he had finished his "expose." His statements were met with cries of "Why don't you answer now?" "Are you afraid to answer questions?"

Attacks Hecklers.

Salen became so incensed over the constant turmoil that he denounced the questioners as part of the "city hall gang" and declared that those who didn't stop questioning him would be put out of the tent.

As Salen continued a man got up who said he was John Sheehan, the man whom Salen had charged with living in Cleveland Heights and renting "an old plug" of a horse to the city.

"When you were director of public works who did you appoint superintendent of street cleaning and why did you send him to New York?" he demanded.

"I employed a man by the name of Wilhelm and sent him to New York to buy apparatus for street cleaning work so that we could do away with the letting of private contracts for it," answered Salen. As the man attempted to put another question he was shouted down.

"Didn't you, as head of public works, buy all horses for the fire department of your father-in-law, Aaron Schwab?" was shouted from another section of the audience.

"A lie," laughed Salen. "A horse dealer named Thorman just the other day told me he was going to vote for me just because I was so fair in the purchase of horses for the city."

"Didn't you get $150,000 in fees out of the county clerk's office?" came another question.

"I did not" was Salen's answer.

"How much did you get?"

"That's my business."

Heckler Is Laughed At.

Salen was handed a hand bill charging that he had attempted to attach a license fee upon the hucksters. "Answer it," shouted the heckler.

"That is anonymously circulated and I refuse to answer it until the man who published it comes forward to put the question," said Salen.

"I'm a worker for the drys," announced another heckler as he arose to ask a question. A shout of derision greeted his announcement.

"I want to know whether you will allow clubs to sell booze on Sunday if you are elected?" the questioner finally asked.

"I have stated my stand on that question in my platform," said Salen. "I'm against interference with social club activities."

As the picture of the Norman hotel and the check was flashed upon the stereopticon screen, a chorus of cries arose:

"Which is Pete's room?"; "Got him, Charley"; "He signed his death warrant with that check," and "Good-by, Pete," were some of them.

Salen declared the present administration had praised its work as "uplifting." He then stated that "evidently Witt intends to continue the 'uplift' work as he raised the rent on this hotel property when he became owner of it."

Urges Witt's Defeat.

Salen again appealed to the "good, decency-loving people" of the city to defeat "a man who makes profit from such a low, degrading form of vice."

"Witt must have known the nature of the business," shouted Salen. "It was notorious for years. The rules showed the type of house it was. I appeal to your common sense in the matter.

"It was protected by the police. Officers raiding it were changed another beat. The present administration protected it for years, so that Witt could make money with it. And then the administration has the audacity to pose as uplifters and grand moralists by wiping out the tenderloin, the business of which was as near as dangerous and vicious as the business of this hotel."

"These exposures will go on until election day. Every night I will show you some new way in which the present administration has deceived the public and wasted its money.'"

DAVIS HITS BIG PAYROLL BOOST

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A million-dollar unnecessary increase in the city payroll was Harry Davis' chief point of attack against the Baker administration in his ten speech at Cedar ave. and E. 55th st last night.

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"The welfare department was the chief offender in this unnecessary increase in operating exepnses," he charged. "That department asked for $795,000 for the year's appropriation against the $675,000 it cost the year before. At the end of six months even this money was all gone, and the city council was compelled to give them $418,000 to complete the year.

"The waterworks tunnel has cost the city already almost as much as the lowest bid for the entire tunnel and only one-third of it has been completed."

The tent was crowded with Davis followers, with several hecklers scattered through the audience. One of them shouted: "What did 'Gerry' Dahl do for the city?"

"He kept the fare at three cents and you are now paying four," Davis answered him.

Somebody asked him: "Do you believe in three-cent fare, Harry?"

"You bet your life, and we're going to keep it at three cents," was the answer, and the crowd applauded.

When the questioners had done Davis finished his speech with a rap at the public service department for the purchase of the City of Mt. Clemens for $6,000 and then spending $30,000 on the boat for repairs.

Davis also spoke at meetings in Prochaska hall, Fleet ave. and E. 50th st.; Garibaldi hall, Murray Hill rd.; Chauffeurs' Club, 712 Vincent ave., and the Barbers' Union headquarters, 310 Prospect ave.

The Retail Grocers' Association indorsed Davis at a meeting last night.

'GET A TENT,' SAYS DAVIS TO HECKLERS

Candidate, Stung by Query, Denies City Has Car Service; Raps Fare.

White Says Fight's Between 'Dreamy Pete' and 'Horse-Sense Harry.'

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Hecklers again last night annoyed Harry L. Davis at his tent meeting, Cedar-av S. E. and E. 55th-st. One of the disturbers crowded down to the platform at the close of the meeting while Mr. Davis was shaking hands and asked why the mayoralty candidate didn't answer questions.

Mr. Davis' reply was:

"I don't want to argue. Get a tent if you want to talk."

"Haven't we got street car service?" the heckler had asked earlier in the evening, and Mr. Davis' answer was "I think not."

The speaker was then advised to go to other cities and see the service there. He was asked if he were going to give Cleveland 3-cent fare instead of what he chose to call "4-cent fare for 30 per cent. of the car riders."

"You bet, and we are going to keep it. too," was the warm rejoinder.

Harry L. Vail and Councilman W. S. FitzGerald joined with the candidate in flaying alleged extravagances of the present administration. Mr. Davis' usual evening pledge that he would give the city "green breathing spots" for the poor was greeted here and there with derisive "Whews!!!"

The candidate characterized Peter Witt's promise of better phone service as "bunk."

"The administration knows its end is coming Jan. 1 and it is getting desperate, promising, always promising."

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Two Candidates for Mayoralty Will Campaign to Election Day

Time Honored Custom Goes by the Board in Quadrangular Race to City Hall.

BY JOHN T. BOURKE.

In Cleveland's free-for-all non-partisan contest for control of the municipal government the time-honored custom of winding up the campaign the Saturday night before election is to be ignored by two of the four leading candidates for mayor.

Harry L. Davis and Charles P. Salen will not hold their campaign closing rallies until the eve of the election, next Monday night, when both will speak at tent meetings, the former on the West Side and the latter on the East Side. Salen's tent will be pitched somewhere on Fulton rd., but the location for the Davis tent has not yet been secured. It likely will be pitched in the East or South Ends.

Miner G. Norton's last big meeting tomorrow night at the Grays' armory will be featured by many short speeches instead of by a few long talks. The candidate will make the principal address.

Witt will make the valedictory address of his campaign Saturday night in a tent at Superior ave. and E. 86th st. Only one tent will be used that night, the speakers being Witt and Mayor Baker. Although Witt is not scheduled for any Sunday speech, a number of Democratic ward meetings will be held in the interest of his candidacy and to boost the council candidates given places on the slate of the Demoratic organization.

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Continue Activities To Election Day.

Activities of the organization behind the respective candidates for mayor will be continued up until election day, without reference to the speaking portion of the campaign. Organization meetings are being held every afternoon and night at the Davis headquarters, 714 Schofield building, as well as in the wards. The meetings at headquarters are attended by precinct captains of various wards. The city has been divided into districts of four and five wards each, and district organization meetings have been made a feature of the Davis campaign. A general organization rally may be held Saturday for final instructions to the workers. On Monday the Davis workers will receive badges and supplies for election day.

Norton's corps of precinct workers will receive their instructions Saturday night for the work they are to do in getting votes to the election booths. On that evening an organization meeting will be held in every ward of the city. Some of these will be held in private houses, others in halls. The Norton badges and election day supplies will be distributed at these meetings and witnesses and challengers selected for the precinct election booths to watch the voting and count on Tuesday.

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Salen Leaders Organize Workers.

The executive committee of the Salen League, meeting at its headquarters, 324 W. Superior ave., every day, is giving personal direction to the Salen organization work. Ward organization meetings are held every night. The Salen leaders say they will have a completely organized band of workers in every precinct before the campaign ends. A general organization meeting of the Salen League will be held Sunday at 2 p. m. in Acme hall on E. 9th st. Salen and his battery of spellbinders will address this meeting. The call for the Salen precinct captains to receive final instructions for getting voters to the polls has not yet been made. It is probable they will receive their badges and supplies next Monday.

The footwork for Witt's campaign is being done by the Democratic organization, which works like smooth running machinery. The ward leaders have received orders to take their precinct captains to Democratic headquarters Sunday afternoon, when they will receive their election day supplies. Five minutes is to be allotted to each ward delegation, the first having been told to appear at 2:30 o'clock. At 2:35 o'clock the second ward will be received and so on at intervals of five minutes till the twenty-six delegations have reported.

Monday night the leader in each ward will hold a conference with his precinct captains. At this conference $5 will be given to each captain for precinct work, this expenditures being the maximum permitted under the corrupt practices act.

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Precinct Officers Get Instructions.

Explicit instructions have been given to the precinct election officers by the board of elections for the conduct of next Tuesday's election. Some of these instructions are:

The election officers will meet in their respective precinct booths at 8 o'clock Monday evening for organization. At 6:20 a. m. Tuesday the presiding judge in each precinct will produce the ballots, ballot boxes and all supplies placed in his custody for the election. Five minutes later he must publicly break the seal of the packages containing the ballots and open them. At 6:30 he will open the door of the booth and proclaim the opening of the polls.

Persons entitled to vote at the election must be registered electors of the precinct in which they desire to cast their ballots.

Woben can vote the board of education ballot only.

Election judges may call upon the police if necessary to assist in enforcing the election laws and to preserve good order in and near the polls.

An elector unable to read or write must not be assisted to mark his ballot by the election judges. Only those can be assisted who by reason of blindness, paralysis, old age or other physical infirmity are not able to do so themselves.

Every ballot that comes from the ballot-box must be preserved, whether voted or blank.

In all matters of dispute arising during the voting or in the progress of the count the decision of the election judges is final, the votes of three of the four judges being necessary to decide any point. If a majority of the judges cannot agree the election board must be notified.

The polls will close at 6:30 p. m., Cleveland time.

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Norton, Davis, Salen and Witt will address the Electrical League of Cleevland at noon today at a meeting in the assembly-room of the Hollenden hotel, these mayoralty candidates having accepted invitations to discuss municipal issues before this body of business men.

Today's Political Calendar

ELECTRICAL LEAGUE, assembly room, Hollenden hotel, noon, speakers, Harry L. Davis, Miner G. Norton, Charles P. Salen, Peter Witt.

DAVIS MEETINGS—Evening: Tent, E. 83d st. and Crawford rd., speakers, Harry L. Davis, Harry L. Vail, W. S. FitzGerald, P. A. White, Lamar Beeman, William B. Woods; Icemen's Union, 310 Prospect ave., speaker, Harry L. Davis; St. James' M. E. church, 10525 Hudson ave., speaker, Harry L. Davis; Lincoln Heights Republican Club, Zabel's hall, W. 14th st. and Auburn ave., speakers, Harry L. Davis, Harry C. Gahn, Don R. Sipe, H. G. Schaibly; Majestic Republican Club, 1783 W. 25th st., speakers, Harry L. Davis, Harry Gahn, George W. Spooner, H. C. Schaibly; Douse st. hall, off Broadway, speakers, Harry L. Davis, A. B. Sprosty, Frank Zofka.

NORTON MEETINGS—Evening: Old Town hall, E. 185th st. and Nottingham rd., speakers, Miner G. Norton, James W. Holcomb, Charles W. Toland, S. S. Ford, Earl H. Wells; store room, 152d st. and Aspinwall ave., speakers, Miner G. Norton, Earl H. Wells, James W. Holcomb, Charles W. Toland, J. C. Bloch; Old M. E. church, Archwood ave. and W. 25th st., speakers, Miner G. Norton, F. J. Van Wye, Guy O. Farquharson, Raymond E. Hyre; Odd Fellows' hall, W. 25th st. and Archwood ave., speakers, Miner G. Norton, G. E. Morgan, Earl H. Wells, F. J. Van Wye, Guy O. Farquharson; Workinmen's Social and Literary Club, E. 31st st. and Scovill ave., speaker, Miner G. Norton.

SALEN MEETING—Evening: Tent, Broadway and Forman ave., speaker, Charles P. Salen.

WITT MEETINGS — Evening: Tent, Franklin ave. and W. 58th st., speakers, Peter Witt, Newton D. Baker, H. R. Cooley; tent, Ansel rd. and Hough ave., speakers, Peter Witt, Thomas Coughlin, Newton D. Baker; Walecki's hall, E. 77th st. and Central ave., speakers, Peter Witt, Thomas Coughlin, John M. Sulzman, Joseph Lustig; Stemmeyer's hall, Lorain ave. and W. 32d st., speaker, Peter Witt.

SOCIALIST MEETING — Evening: Glenville Center hall, St. Clair ave. and E. 105th st., speakers, C. E. Ruthenberg, Fred G. Strickland.

Shop meetings were held yesterday noon by three candidates for mayor. Davis addressed packing-house employees at the stock yards near Clark ave. and W. 65th st. Norton spoke to the employees of Theodor Kundtz's cabinet works, at Winslow ave. and Elm st., while Salen talked to the workmen of the White automobile factory, at St. Clair ave. and E. 72d st.

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Meetings in the interest of the Salen candidacy for mayor will be held tonight at 3225 Central ave.; Bowman's hall, E. 156th st., and Waterloo rd., and 7323 Madison ave. The speakers at these meetings will be C. L. Jones, Virgil Marani and J. J. Whitehead.

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Robert Granger, candidate for municipal judge, was the guest of honor at a smoker of the Twenty-third Republican Club last night in Stocke hall, 6021 St. Clair ave. Speeches were made by Granger, Harry J. Katz and a number of candidates.

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E. C. Osterland, indorsed candidate of the Democratic organization for councilman from the sixth ward, yesterday accepted the challenge for debate extended by Councilman Clayton C. Towns, who seeks re-election. Osterland says he will debate with Townes at the Johnson House hall, in W. 25th st. and Broadview ave., tomorrow evening and at Woodman hall, W. 25th st. and Denison ave., Saturday night.

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"My record is an open book and familiar to all citizens of the first ward," Councilman Alvin A. Dittrick wrote L. C. Schooley in answer to the latter's request that he debate with him the duties of a councilman. Schooley is also a candidate for councilman from the first ward. Dittrick said his record was a better explanation of his conception of the duties of a candidate and a councilman than any statement which he might make. "A debate would only mean that I would be under the necessity of saying complimentary things about myself in public," he said. "I am willing to leave the discussion of my record to the voters of the first ward."

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Democratic organization ward meetings will be held tonight at Zabel's hall, 8697 Buckeye rd.; Mullich's hall, Buckeye rd. and E. 128th st.; Muleskis' hall, Ontario st. and Central ave.; Charles Boheme's residence, 460 E. 124th st.; Dukats' hall, W. 31st st. and Sackett ave.; Sidlak's hall, Fleet ave. and E. 53d st.; Burn's hall, Hamm ave. and E. 53d st.; Spero hall, E. 38th st. and Scovill ave.; Wigwam, 10515 West Madison ave., and twelfth ward wigdam Scovill ave. and E. 19th st.

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CAMPAIGN SIDELIGHTS

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The letter cites the ordinance, declaring emission of dense smoke a nuisance, except for six minutes in any one hour during which time the fire box is being cleaned or a new fire being started therein." It cites also the provision that no plant may begin operations to produce heat or power without a certificate from the smoke inspector that the plant will do its work without emission of dense smoke. Mr. Slattery points out that in making effective the last and most important section, the inspectors must have technical knowledge.

With respect to the first provision he terms the plan of Mr. Davis "not only not feasible but absolutely silly," asserting the department at the present time has but five field men. He says to observe whether a stack emitted dense smoke six minutes in any one hour, the $104 a month policeman, already overworked, would have to watch the stack a full hour. "Dense smoke" means density according to a technical chart, the letter states. It then inquires, granted the patrolman could handle all the foregoing, how he would report, whether he would report to his lieutenant, and the lieutenant to the city hall, or whether he would enter the plant and start an argument with the engineer or fireman?

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L. I. Litzler, candidate for council in Ward 4, who calls his open-air meetings on street corners of the ward evidences of "real democracy," particularly, he says, as some of his opponents are following suit, yesterday was sending to other candidates in the ward written invitations to speak at his meetings.

"I have been inviting all other candidates to speak at my open-air meetings, but they have not responded as they should," he said. "I'm inviting them in the hope they will come out and meet the voters face to face in the open, to deliver their messages publicly."

Mr. Litzler spoke last night at W. 25th-st and Chatham-av S. W., and at W. 30th-st and Chatham-av.

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John S. DePriest, grocer, candidate for council in Ward 17, yesterday stated that in his twenty-three years in the ward, he always has worked for the election of others, but that he is seeking office now for the first time.

"Should the people in Ward 17 elect me to office," he said, "I will endeavor to work for their interests and do all in my power to help them get the improvements needed. I only ask the people to stand back of me, and I will go to the front for them. I am indorsed by the Federation of Labor."

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Attorney John L. Cannon will discuss the Cleveland & Youngstown freight terminal project tonight at a meeting of the South End Chamber of Enterprise.

The meeting will be held in the organization's home, 8947 Broadway S. E.

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"Fleming night" in Ward 11, arranged by supporters of Thomas W. Fleming for council, is set for tomorrow night instead of the time incorrectly announced yesterday. The occasion is to be celebrated with a street parade, red fire, band music and speeches in Ideal hall, 2400 Central-av S. E.

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B. F. Mills, candidate for mayor of Lakewood, will be the principal speaker tonight in a political meeting at Rosewood and Detroit-avs, Lakewood. The other speakers will be W. H. Eirick, former county commissioner, and C. E. Cross.

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The Nonpolitical Good Government league at a meeting Monday night indorsed Miner G. Norton as first choice for mayor and Charles P. Salen as second choice. The other indorsements were: Municipal court chief, F. William Kurzenberger; municipal judge (six years), Ansel B. Curtiss, Walter McMahon, Frank E. Hainen; municipal judge (four years), Robert Granger, Samuel M. Parks, Frederick C. Walther; municipal court clerk, Earle C. Foster first choice, Frederick Kohler second choice.

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Harry L. Deibel, candidate for council in the fourth ward, will address three open air meetings tonight. The first meeting is to be held at 7:30 at Hope-av S. W. and W. 73d-st, the second at 8 at Conrad-av S. W. and W. 67th-st, and the third at 8:30 at Clark-av S. W. and W. 65th-st.

SAYS WITT CARS ARE MOSTLY USED

Norton Alludes to Favor Shown Railway Official's Patents Here.

Says Car Company Goes Out of City to Buy Its Rails.

"Despite Street Railway Commissioner Peter Witt's much vaunted anxiety for the welfare of the workingmen, the Cleveland Railway Co., for the first time in the history of the city, went to Canada the past summer and bought its supply of rails," declared Miner G. Norton, candidate for mayor, at his meetings last night.

Mr. Norton also laid stress on the announcement in a Witt pamphlet that Mr. Witt is the inventor and patentee of a front entrance and center-exit street car, 130 of which are being used on the lines in Cleveland and in other cities.

"Apparently these cars upon which Mr. Witt holds the patent are being used to the exclusion of other cars," said Mr. Norton.

Mr. Norton spoke at three meetings. He spoke first at an automobile paint shop at 3123 Scranton-rd S. W., then at Stocke's hall, 6021 St. Clair-av N. E., and finally at Virginia hall, Superior-av N. E., near E. 105th-st. Yesterday morning he talked to insurance men at the West Side offices of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., W. 25th-st and Franklin-av N. W.



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ripple flare coat, new collar and fur edging

On a Smile and a Hand-Shake.

Harry L. Davis is attempting to ride into the mayoralty on a smile and a hand-shake. That is the sum and substance of his appeal. Davis is a likable man. He is a good mixer. People enjoy his smile and like to grasp his hand.

That is all. The Davis candidacy has no other basis. He has no issues and no settled convictions on public policies. As mayor of Cleveland he would be without force or influence. His administration would be what his subordinates made it; good or bad according to his wisdom in making the appointments.

Davis calls loudly for economy in the city hall, but has no adequate program for decreasing city expenditures. He would be as helpless as a child in the mayor's office were he to try to carry out this portion of his platform.

Davis has not the slightest conception of what the office of mayor of Cleveland demands. The size of the job he does not comprehend. Two years ago some of his immaturity was excused on the ground that he had had little time to prepare for his campaign.

No such excuse can be urged on Davis' behalf this time. In effect he has been a candidate for mayor for two years. One might have expected he would take advantage of the long waiting period by training himself in municipal needs and municipal finance. But no; Davis seemingly preferred to pin his faith again on that potent smile and that ever ready hand-shake.

Davis does not, because he cannot, specify what expenditures of the present administration he would have saved in order to avoid a treasury deficit. His only constructive suggestion for getting more revenue to meet city needs of the future is one he borrowed from Newton D. Baker.

Davis' career, so far as public questions are concerned, has been as colorless as his present aspiration is absurd. A single term as city treasurer, followed by three defeats at the hands of the voters in as many years, constitutes his sole claim to experience.

In office or out of office, Davis has been a man without enduring convictions. He lacks public vision, civic, state or national. The new era in politics has dawned without his knowing it. His candidacy harks back to the old days of unreasoning partisanship.

The sole reason why Davis is running for mayor is that Davis desires the office. The leaders of his party did not want him. They tried up to the last moment to force him to withdraw in another's favor. No convention would have nominated him. He wished himself on his own party. The Plain Dealer does not believe the city of Cleveland will permit him to wish himself into the mayor's office.

Voters of Cleveland owe it to themselves, to the future development and welfare of their community, to the continued leadership of the Sixth City among American municipalities, to the civic faith they inherited from their fathers, not to elect as their chief city executive a man of Harry L. Davis' formless opinions.

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"One of the opposing candidates for mayor, Mr. Davis, stated that as one of his 'catch-penny' ways of effecting economy in the city government he would abolish the smoke division and use the police department to report violations," began Mr. Slattery's letter. "In this as in many other statements he shows his utter lack of knowledge of the operation and duties of the smoke division.

"We will ignore the well known fact that our small police force is overworked, and also that they have no knowledge of combustion, and see how Mr. Davis' scheme would work out."

The letter cites the ordinance, declaring emission of dense smoke a nuisance, except for six minutes in any one hour during which time the fire box is being cleaned or a new fire being started therein." It cites also the provision that no plant may begin operations to produce heat or power without a certificate from the smoke inspector that the plant will do its work without emission of dense smoke. Mr. Slattery points out that in making effective the last and most important section, the inspectors must have technical knowledge.

With respect to the first provision he terms the plan of Mr. Davis "not only not feasible but absolutely silly," asserting the department at the present time has but five field men. He says to observe whether a stack emitted dense smoke six minutes in any one hour, the $104 a month policeman, already overworked, would have to watch the stack a full hour. "Dense smoke" means density according to a technical chart, the letter states. It then inquires, granted the patrolman could handle all the foregoing, how he would report, whether he would report to his lieutenant, and the lieutenant to the city hall, or whether he would enter the plant and start an argument with the engineer or fireman?

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L. I. Litzler, candidate for council in Ward 4, who calls his open-air meetings on street corners of the ward evidences of "real democracy," particularly, he says, as some of his opponents are following suit, yesterday was sending to other candidates in the ward written invitations to speak at his meetings.

"I have been inviting all other candidates to speak at my open-air meetings, but they have not responded as they should," he said. "I'm inviting them in the hope they will come out and meet the voters face to face in the open, to deliver their messages publicly."

Mr. Litzler spoke last night at W. 25th-st and Chatham-av S. W., and at W. 30th-st and Chatham-av.

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John S. DePriest, grocer, candidate for council in Ward 17, yesterday stated that in his twenty-three years in the ward, he always has worked for the election of others, but that he is seeking office now for the first time.

"Should the people in Ward 17 elect me to office," he said, "I will endeavor to work for their interests and do all in my power to help them get the improvements needed. I only ask the people to stand back of me, and I will go to the front for them. I am indorsed by the Federation of Labor."

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Attorney John L. Cannon will discuss the Cleveland & Youngstown freight terminal project tonight at a meeting of the South End Chamber of Enterprise.

The meeting will be held in the organization's home, 8947 Broadway S. E.

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"Fleming night" in Ward 11, arranged by supporters of Thomas W. Fleming for council, is set for tomorrow night instead of the time incorrectly announced yesterday. The occasion is to be celebrated with a street parade, red fire, band music and speeches in Ideal hall, 2400 Central-av S. E.

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B. F. Mills, candidate for mayor of Lakewood, will be the principal speaker tonight in a political meeting at Rosewood and Detroit-avs, Lakewood. The other speakers will be W. H. Eirick, former county commissioner, and C. E. Cross.

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The Nonpolitical Good Government league at a meeting Monday night indorsed Miner G. Norton as first choice for mayor and Charles P. Salen as second choice. The other indorsements were: Municipal court chief, F. William Kurzenberger; municipal judge (six years), Ansel B. Curtiss, Walter McMahon, Frank E. Hainen; municipal judge (four years), Robert Granger, Samuel M. Parks, Frederick P. Walther; municipal court clerk, Earle C. Foster first choice, Frederick Kohler second choice.

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Harry L. Deibel, candidate for council in the fourth ward, will address three open air meetings tonight. The first meeting is to be held at 7:30 at Hope-av S. W. and W. 73d-st, the second at 8 at Conrad-av S. W. and W. 67th-st, and the third at 8:30 at Clark-av S. W. and W. 65th-st.

SAYS WITT CARS ARE MOSTLY USED

Norton Alludes to Favor Shown Railway Official's Patents Here.

Says Car Company Goes Out of City to Buy Its Rails.

"Despite Street Railway Commissioner Peter Witt's much vaunted anxiety for the welfare of the workingmen, the Cleveland Railway Co. for the first time in the history of the city, went to Canada the past summer and bought its supply of rails," declared Miner G. Norton candidate for mayor, at his meetings last night.

Mr. Norton also laid stress on the announcement in a Witt pamphlet that Mr. Witt is the inventor and patentee of a front entrance and center-exit street car, 130 of which are being used on the lines in Cleveland and in other cities.

"Apparently these cars upon which Mr. Witt holds the patent are being used to the exclusion of other cars," said Mr. Norton.

Mr. Norton spoke at three meetings. He spoke first at an automobile paint shop at 3123 Scranton-rd S. W., then at Stocke's hall, 6021 St. Clair-av N. E., and finally at Virginia hall, Superior-av N. E., near E. 105th-st. Yesterday morning he talked to insurance men at the West Side offices of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., W. 25th-st and Franklin-av N. W. At noon he addressed a meeting of the employes of the Rauch & Lang auto plant and also a meeting of young business men at the Cuyahoga restaurant.

At the West Side meeting last night Mr. Norton criticized the large increase in the stock of the Cleveland Railway Co. during Mr. Witt's regime.

"Five years ago," he said, "the existing part of the railway was valued at $54,717 a mile. Mr. Witt claims to have added sixty-eight miles to this but the stock issues have so increased that this sixty-eight miles represents a value in securities of $249,311 a mile.

"A number of years ago Walter I. Thompson was in council and was known as a friend of the railroads. It was at a time the railway was offering ordinance after ordinance seeking extensions. Mr. Thompson is now the head of a firm of contractors which has obtained from the railway company eighteen large contracts. It was testified at a recent city hall trial that Mr. Thompson, since Peter Witt became railroad commissioner, has obtained every large contract of the railway company except three."

At Virginia hall Mr. Norton assailed the method of the administration in conducting the financial affairs of the city.

"One example of poor city financing has been the issuing of bonds for improvements long before the improvements were started. In this way the city has been paying about 5 per cent. on the bonds while the money lay in the banks drawing about 3 per cent. It was recently figured this causes the city a loss of about $1,800 a month. No one, however, wants the city to call a halt on its improvements."

On a Smile and a Hand-Shake.

Harry L. Davis is attempting to ride into the mayoralty on a smile and a hand-shake. That is the sum and substance of his appeal. Davis is a likable man. He is a good mixer. People enjoy his smile and like to grasp his hand.

That is all. The Davis candidacy has no other basis. He has no issues and no settled convictions on public policies. As mayor of Cleveland he would be without force or influence. His administration would be what his subordinates made it; good or bad according to his wisdom in making the appointments.

Davis calls loudly for economy in the city hall, but has no adequate program for decreasing city expenditures. He would be as helpless as a child in the mayor's office were he to try to carry out this portion of his platform.

Davis has not the slightest conception of what the office of mayor of Cleveland demands. The size of the job he does not comprehend. Two years ago some of his immaturity was excused on the ground that he had had little time to prepare for his campaign.

No such excuse can be urged on Davis' behalf this time. In effect he has been a candidate for mayor for two years. One might have expected he would take advantage of the long waiting period by training himself in municipal needs and municipal finance. But no; Davis seemingly preferred to pin his faith again on that potent smile and that ever ready hand-shake.

Davis does not, because he cannot, specify what expenditures of the present administration he would have saved in order to avoid a treasury deficit. His only constructive suggestion for getting more revenue to meet city needs of the future is one he borrowed from Newton D. Baker.

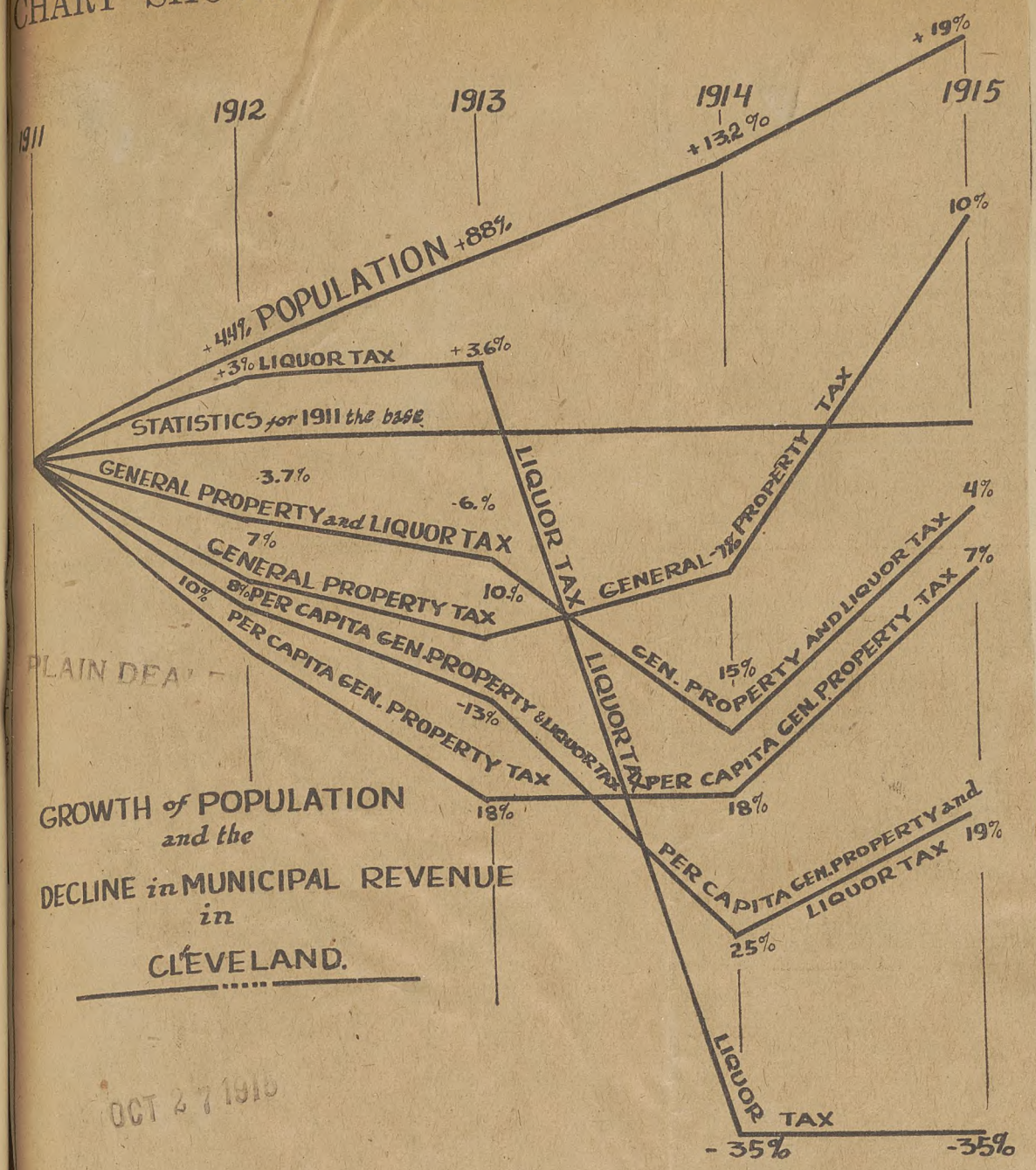
Davis' career, so far as public questions are concerned, has been as colorless as his present aspiration is absurd. A single term as city treasurer, followed by three defeats at the hands of the voters in as many years, constitutes his sole claim to experience.

In office or out of office, Davis has been a man without enduring convictions. He lacks public vision, civic, state or national. The new era in politics has dawned without his knowing it. His candidacy harks back to the old days of unreasoning partisanship.

The sole reason why Davis is running for mayor is that Davis desires the office. The leaders of his party did not want him. They tried up to the last moment to force him to withdraw in another's favor. No convention would have nominated him. He wished himself on his own party. The Plain Dealer does not believe the city of Cleveland will permit him to wish himself into the mayor's office.

Voters of Cleveland owe it to themselves, to the future development and welfare of their community, to the continued leadership of the Sixth City among American municipalities, to the civic faith they inherited from their fathers, not to elect as their chief city executive a man of Harry L. Davis' formless opinions.

CHART SHOWS DECREASE IN CITY'S INCOME



GROWTH of POPULATION and the DECLINE in MUNICIPAL REVENUE in CLEVELAND.

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Why does the city of Cleveland grow poorer each year?

Statistics compiled and offered for publication yesterday by Prof. C. C. Arbuthnot of the department of economics of Western Reserve university, with a chart tell the story of why the city has gone deeper and deeper in debt since 1911.

The chart prepared by the professor from the third general ledger report of the director of finance shows that, since 1911:

Cleveland's population has grown 19 per cent.

By reason of the liquor license law the revenue from saloons has fallen off 35 per cent.

The general property tax has increased but 10 per cent. despite the increase in population.

The general property and liquor tax combined have decreased 4 per cent.

The per capita general property and liquor tax has fallen off 7 per cent.

Since 1911 there has been a total falling off in revenue of $1,328,833.

Prof. Arbuthnot in his analyses says:

"If the city had enjoyed each year since 1911 an income equal to the income of 1911, it would have received $1,328,833 more than it did receive.

"As a result, other things remaining the same, there would have been an accumulated deficit of but $171,-167 instead of $1,500,000 during the four years in which the city increased in population over 100,000.

"If the per capita burden of municipal taxation had remained since 1911 at the level of 1911 (7.651), the city would have received in four years a total of $3,406,844 more than it did receive.

"The result would have been a surplus, other things remaining the same, of $1,906,844 in four years instead of a deficit of $1,500,000.

"Two measures, over which the city had no control, the Smith tax law and the reduction in the number of liquor licenses, have made some extraordinary changes in municipal receipts in a period when the growth of the city might fairly demand a greater outlay.

"The contrast between the rising line of population and the falling lines representing income is striking. The fall in the liquor revenues is spectacular."

WITT DEFIES FOES TO EQUAL RECORD

Tells What He Will Do in Civic Improvements When Elected Mayor.

Explains Statement as to 'Car Questions in Hands of Friends.'

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Holding up his record as traction commissioner of the city, telling what as mayor he would try to do in the way of civic improvements, and defying his opponents to equal him in past performances or well formed plans for the future, Peter Witt carried his campaign to two tent meetings and a club gathering last night.

A score of speakers headed by Mayor Newton D. Baker spoke at last night's meetings, nine in all.

But one heckler appeared at the Witt meetings. This was at the tent at Kinsman-av S. E. and E. 72d-st.

"Two years ago you said something which wasn't true," said the heckler. "You said the street car question would be dangerous in the hands of people not friendly to it and safe in the hands of its friends. Yet in two months the rate of fare was raised to 4 cents."

"I did not say that," said Mr. Witt. "I said that 3-cent fare would be in no danger in the hands of its friends. In the first place this man is trying to put words into my mouth which I did not say."

Mr. Witt then spoke of what he said was the failure of the Baehr administration to improve the lines and the necessity for the present administration to go forward with the improvement, replacing hundreds of cars, relaying fifty miles of track and building nearly as much new track.

"If I had my way the E. 79th-st line, which has proved so successful, would have been extended clear into Gordon park instead of to its edge as it is," said Mr. Witt. "I promise you that it will come later, just as the extension of the car line into Garfield park."

Mayor Baker, the first speaker at the tent meeting, urged voters to support the ordinances authorizing the Barber subway, the closing of streets between Broadway and Orange-av S. E. to make possible the Cleveland & Youngstown freight terminal and the union station ordinance.

He declared these improvements will place Cleveland's freight terminals on a par with those of any city in the country, New York alone excepted.

In the tent at E. 66th-st and Zoeter-av N. E., Mr Witt talked on the taxes of Cleveland and referred to the amount paid by the city for the state government, $1.50 for each dollar expended for maintenance of the Cleveland government.

"When I am mayor I shall go to Columbus," he said "representing this city of 700,000 people and demand that we have local option in tax matters. They surely will listen to a representative of a city which today pays one-third the total taxes collected for the state government."

At the meeting Mayor Baker traced the origin and growth of the municipal light plant and urged the men to vote for Peter Witt, whom he characterized as the man who "thirty years ago began to dream of a city where the poor and their children should have equal opportunity for education, development and career."

"At last the world has caught up with the dreams that Peter Witt saw thirty years ago," said the mayor.

The wind-up of the night's meetings for Mr. Witt was at the Sycamore club smoker, 2858 W. 25th-st, where Mr. Witt said:

"I am as sure of being elected mayor as I am that I am standing before you. I will be elected by first choice votes and get more than 50,000 of the 100,000 votes which will be cast."

SALEN 'EXPOSE' IS PHOTO OF CHECK IN WITT REALTY DEAL

'Shock' Candidate Promised Proves Stereopticon View of Paper Bearing Opponent's Name.

Charges Date Indicates Riva Had Late Interest in House Called Disreputable.

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SENDS CHILDREN FROM TENT BEFORE SPEAKING

Attacks New City Reservoir; Makes Charges Against Gus Hanna.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

In a tent meeting last night at St Clair-av N. E. and E. 138th-st which had been heralded as the setting for the start of an "expose" that would "shock the town," Charles P. Salen began a recital of accusations against Peter Witt and the administration of Mayor Newton D. Baker which are to form the material for the last week of the Salen campaign.

The tent was crowded to capacity, and that more might enter part of the side canvas was removed. In support of some of his major allegations offered in terms of strenuous condemnation, Mr. Salen showed stereopticon pictures on a screen. His followers yelled with delight when at the end of the session Mr. Salen declared:

"I assure you before another tent meeting at least one candidate will have been eliminated. There will be only two of us in by tomorrow night."

Briefly, the charges, read by Mr. Salen from manuscript, were these:

Says Witt Got Checks in 1914.

That Peter Witt as secretary and treasurer of the Forest City Investment Co. up to late in 1914 received in checks made payable to him personally the rent for a hotel on Prospect-av S. E. utilized as a rooming house of shady reputation, the lease of which he said the company held. Reading newspaper statements of yesterday quoting Mr. Witt as having said in his tent Monday night the company gave up the lease at the first opportunity after he (Witt) discovered the nature of the house in 1910, two years after its acquirement. Mr. Salen had thrown on the screen a facsimile of a check for $25 dated April 1, 1913, made out to Mr. Witt and signed by the woman Mr. Salen said was proprietress of the place.

That the street cleaning department reflects "waste and questionable methods" by the present administration, in that, Mr. Salen asserted, Supt. Gus Hanna organized the Lake City Manufacturing & Supply Co. to sell "flushing machines, Hanna's patent nozzle" and other street cleaning apparatus; that operations of the company were carried on by city employes, working with city teams and on city time.

That between 4,000 and 5,000 automatic gas shut-off valves were forced by ordinance upon people who had no use for them, that their installation was unjustifiable and that one company got nearly the entire business.

That there exists a "Coughlin insurance trust;" that W. J. Coughlin brother of Thomas Coughlin, city director of finance, in advancing the business of the Coughlin & Laurenson Co., "never misses an opportunity to advertise to prospective bondsmen of the city and county that his brother is city auditor;" that the company has issued nearly all of the bonds to city and county officers and city contractors.

That a tramp represented to a wrecking company he owned a brick building and said he wanted it torn down, offering the company the salvage; that the wrecking company asked of the city and received a permit to raze without the city making an investigation; that the building was razed and as a result the city faces a lawsuit.

That the new East End high surface reservoir being constructed by the city in Cleveland Heights could have been made by connecting a natural ravine and a quarry hole on land owned by the city, but that the administration is excavating on bought land; that the operation will cost approximately $1,000,000, and that two-thirds of the amount could have been saved by utilizing the hole "the administration found on its own property."

Mr. Salen showed a stereopticon picture which he said was a flushing machine sold to Cleveland Heights by Gus Hanna and his colleagues. He called "Don't you recognize Gus Hanna's back?" pointing to one of three figures in the picture, when a heckler called "Prove it!" Mr. Salen said the picture also showed the lettering "Cleveland Heights" on the machine.

After showing other pictures illustrating his charge regarding the high surface reservoir and pictures of the demolished building over which he declared the city is being sued, Mr. Salen had the lights turned on again. Then he made the charge against Mr. Witt regarding the rooming house, and turned out the lights once more to show what he said was the 1913 check. He showed a picture of the rooming house and a facsimile of the rules of the establishment, which he said were posted conspicuously in the hotel and clearly indicated its character.

"These are the rules and regulations that Witt never saw, or seeing, did not understand," he declared, referring to the administration candidate's assertion he learned the nature of the establishment two years after the company of which he was treasurer acquired the lease.

"You've got it on him, Charley," cried an enthusiast.

As a climax to the meeting Mr. Salen showed on the screen the facsimile of a three-month note for $10,000 to the National City bank, dated July 16, 1903, and signed by Charles P. Salen and Aaron Schwab.

"That is signed by myself and my father-in-law" said Mr. Salen. "That is the note on which I borrowed the money deposited with the first 3-cent fare bid in Cleveland—" The crowd broke in with loud applause.

"I've never taken any credit," cried the speaker, "but when I see men posing in public as the originators and fathers of 3-cent fare in Cleveland, I feel in justice to myself and to the public I ought to make the facts known.

"This is not the end of the thing," he said, in closing the meeting, which had been much longer than the average. "I want you to take these impressions home with you, and spread the gospel. I'll make some very startling disclosures tomorrow night that will explain in part at least some of the things done so mysteriously in Cleveland."

In launching his accusation against Mr. Witt with reference to the rooming house, Mr. Salen asked that parents with children in the crowd take them from the tent.

"I regret taking up a subject of this kind," he said, "but I feel I owe it to the community. I feel the public should understand the character of one of the candidates for mayor, Peter Witt."

After making his charges relative to the street railway commissioner, Mr. Salen said:

"Ladies and gentlemen, this is the man who with the Press, his organ, calls me a 'sport.' This man has never missed an opportunity to insult everything we hold sacred to life. From now on, don't spare an opportunity to destroy the candidacy of this man. I implore you to do this in the name of your country, your city and your God."

Regarding the street department, Mr. Salen said, "when the public becomes familiar with the conditions that prevail in this department it will realize the utter need of ousting an organization the sole incentive of which seems to be to feather its own nest at the public's expense." He said at the Lakeside-av barn there is an inspector of cleaning and ash collection and an assistant inspector, a master mechanic, two inspectors of whitewings and two assistants, two foremen in charge of flushing machines, two foremen in charge of pick-up gangs, a foreman of market cleaning, twelve assistant foremen, a storekeeper, a helper and a blacksmith.

"The organization system makes it necessary," he said. "The men who can deliver their precincts simply have to be taken care of."

"Now understand," he said, discussing the Lake City Manufacturing & Supply Co., "this is all done on city time by city teams, and the aggregate figures up a terrific cost, and following the same policy in other departments, you can imagine where the money goes and why we have a deficit."

There also was an interruption of a moment when Mr. Salen said Mayor Newton D. Baker "seemed greatly perturbed by the Salen statement the Democratic organization was dictating federal appointments."

"I suppose you wouldn't do that, Charley?" inquired a voice.

Mr. Salen went into exhaustive detail on his charges. He cited dates, figures and instances in support of his contention that city time and teams were used in the operations of the company he said Gus Hanna headed. He went into the same detail on his reservoir accusations, declaring the matter called for a thorough investigation, and that such a probe, as well as investigation of other departments would be his first act "as mayor of Cleveland."

'RACE BETWEEN PETE AND MINER'

That's the Way Norton's Friends See Campaign.

Miner G. Norton, at three meetings Tuesday night, hammered away at Pete Witt.

Other speakers at the Norton meetings insisted that "the mayoralty race now lies between Witt and Norton."

At 3123 Scranton-rd, in the seventh ward, Norton read from one of Witt's campaign booklets this extract:

"The last 130 street cars purchased by the Concon were designed and patented by Tractioner Witt."

"As a patent attorney," Norton said, "I know that the patentee is entitled to royalties on the sale of those cars.

"I'd like to know whether such royalties are being paid, and if they aren't now, whether they'll be paid after Pete goes out of office on Jan. 1."

Norton also revived Councilman FitzGerald's charge that W. I. Thompson & Son, contractors, have been favored in the awarding of Concon contracts.

In the twenty-third ward, at 6021 St. Clair-av, Norton criticised Witt for permitting the Concon to buy steel rails last summer manufactured in Canada.

At E. 105th-st and Superior-av, in the twenty-fifth ward, Norton said the county has bankrupted itself by building roads and bridges to help the city.

'GO HIRE A HALL,' DAVIS TELLS 'EM

Candidate Heckled at His Tent Meetings.

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A man who remained after the crowd had left Harry L. Davis' tent meeting at Cedar-av and E. 55th-st Tuesday night approached the platform where the mayoralty candidate was hand-shaking a few stragglers, and started to ask a question.

"Go hire a tent!" Davis told him.

But while the crowd was there Davis replied to several hecklers.

Davis was attacking Peter Witt's work as tractioner when one heckler shouted:

"What did Gerry Dahl do?"

"Dahl kept the fare to 3 cents; you're paying 4," Davis answered.

"We have good car service in Cleveland, haven't we?" demanded another questioner.

"I should say we have not!" was Davis' reply.

"Why don't you go to some other town and compare the service?" the heckler insisted. Davis ignored this.

Likes Three-Cent Fare.

"Do you believe in three-cent fare?" came another question.

"You bet I do, and we'll have it if I'm elected," said Davis.

Davis called Witt a "partner" of John Stanley, Concon president, and asserted that if elected he would appoint a tractioner who would not be so friendly with Stanley.

Davis attacked Witt's plan to extend the muny light system, if necessary, to force universal 3-cent light, stating "this city is bonded heavily enough."

"If I'm elected I'll insist that the public utilities commission force the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. to furnish light at what the muny light department shows to be a fair rate," Davis added.

"That's the right way to get cheap light for all the people."

City Already Busy.

Davis then acknowledged that the city already has made such an appeal to the utilities commission, and that state appraisers are now taking an inventory of the company's property.

"But I'd hurry the thing up more," said Davis.

"I want to see vacant corner lots made into flower gardens—beauty spots," Davis began in conclusion. "Beautiful play spots where children may be taken for a breath of fresh air."

Someone gave a long, low whistle, a titter ran thru the crowd and the meeting quickly ended.

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WITT EXPLAINS VIEWS ON PENSION SYSTEM

Capt. Edgar Brass of the fire department Wednesday received a letter from Peter Witt in which Witt explained his position on pensions for policemen and firemen.

"I'm not in favor of service pensions," Witt wrote, "but I do favor keeping the pension contract which the city has made with the police and firemen now in the service or who are retired on pensions."

Witt also said he believed firemen and policemen who are eligible for pensions would be better off if they were given some other municipal job at their regular rate of pay instead of being retired on the low pension rate.

SALEN EXPOSE MAKES ODDS 2 TO 1 ON WITT

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It's the Field Against Pete in Mayoralty Race, With Election Only Five Days Distant and Pete the Big Issue.

Charlie Says Witt Had Lease on Rooming House of Bad Repute---Miner and Harry Attack His Record.

It is surely the field against Pete Witt.

With election five days distant, Witt is now facing the heaviest fire of the mayoralty campaign from a combined battery of these three opponents: Davis, Norton and Salen.

Witt is the one big issue with them, if one may judge by their speeches of the past few days.

Says Davis: While Witt's been tractioner, 40 per cent of the car riders have been forced to pay a penny for a transfer and there's been waste and extravagance in the Baker administration, which Witt stands for.

Says Norton: Witt has patented 130 of his latest cars. Will he collect royalties on them? Witt has allowed the Concon to spend too much money.

Says Salen: Let this shock the city: Witt should be defeated because a real estate company in which he was interested once owned a Prospect-av rooming house of questionable character.

Salen's "expose" of Witt, which he had predicted would make a change in the betting odds, did have that effect. The betting odds Tuesday, before the "expose," were 10 to 6 in Witt's favor. On Wednesday the odds went to 10 to 5 in Witt's favor, showing the "expose" is regarded by bettors as a help to Witt.

Before beginning his speech Tuesday in his tent, pitched at 13807 St. Clair-av, Salen was presented with a bouquet of flowers by an eight-year-old boy and a three-year-old girl, dressed all in white. Salen said:

"There is nothing in the whole category of vice so great a menace to the morals of a community as is the rooming house of ill repute," said Salen.

"It invites and makes possible the first downward step of the girl that is led astray. It is the breeding place of immorality for the entire community.

"Men who deliberately and knowingly draw profit from an institution of this type, cannot by the furthest stretch of the imagination be considered fit persons to preside over the morals of the community."

Salen then named a hotel, downtown on Prospect-av, which he said had been known to the police as a disorderly house for several decades.

Talks of "Protection" By Police Department.

"It has been tolerated and for a number of years was protected by the police department to such an extent that officers who made arrests therefrom were shifted from the beat," Salen said. "It was the general understanding among members of the force that the place must not be interfered with.

"The Forest City Investment Co. took a long term lease upon the property Nov. 1, 1908, and continued in possession until Oct. 16, 1914, when it transferred the lease to the Leader Realty Co.

"When the Forest City Co. came into control the rental was raised to $3000 a year. Recently it was raised to $4000.

"During all the time that the Forest City Co. controlled the house, a period of six years, Peter Witt was secretary and treasurer of the company, and as such was charged with collecting the rent. The checks were made out to him personally.

"Now let me read Witt's statement, published in this evening's Press. As The Press is Witt's official organ, it must have quoted him correctly."

Witt's Explanation of Sale of Property.

Salen then read from The Press' report of the Witt meeting Monday night in which Witt said that in 1908 the company leased the Prospect-av property two years later he heard the place was "shady," investigated thru the police, and caused the company to sell the place at the very first opportunity.

Then Salen proceeded:

"Witt states that he acquired the lease in 1908, and two years later when informed of the character of the house he induced his company to sell the lease.

"According to his statement, that was in 1910.

"Here is a check issued by the person conducting the hotel."

Salen then ordered the lights dimmed, and flashed what he said was a photographic copy of the check. The check, dated April 1, 1913, was for $125, payable to Witt.

Situation As Salen Sees It.

Salen then showed the reverse side of the check, indorsed by Witt as secretary and treasurer of the Forest City Investment Co.

"This is the man who, together with The Press, called me a 'sport,'" Salen proceeded.

"This, then, is the situation presented to the decency-loving public of Cleveland: A person who for years has been honored by public office in Cleveland, fattening his income upon moneys drawn from the lowest, most degrading, most offensive den of vice in the whole community.

"And this man asks the manhood of Cleveland—you men with daughters whose virtue is your glory, with sons whom you would guide from evil—to elect him mayor of Cleveland.

"I can show originals of similar checks for periods in 1912, 1913 and 1914. We have them.

"I appeal to the manhood and womanhood of the community to prevent such sin as proved here.

Implores People To Defeat Witt.

"Defeat Witt! He's a disgrace to the men and women of our city. I implore you to do it for your city, your country and your God.

"The good repute of the city is at stake, men and women. Take interest.

"There will be other startling disclosures at each of my tent meetings from now until the end of the campaign."

"One great issue in this campaign," said Salen, in opening his speech, "is the condition into which the city's finances have fallen. Tonight I'm going to demonstrate how hundreds of thousands of dollars have been squandered." In previous speeches Salen had said it would be millions.

"The proceedings are questionable," Salen said, "and should be investigated by an authority other than the powerful city hall. If I'm elected mayor that's the first thing I'll do.

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Says Davis: While Witt's been tractioner, 40 per cent of the car riders have been forced to pay a penny for a transfer and there's been waste and extravagance in the Baker administration, which Witt stands for.

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Salen's "expose" of Witt, which he had predicted would make a change in the betting odds, did have that effect. The betting odds Tuesday, before the "expose," were 10 to 6 in Witt's favor. On Wednesday the odds went to 10 to 5 in Witt's favor, showing the "expose" is regarded by bettors as a help to Witt.

Before beginning his speech Tuesday in his tent, pitched at 13807 St. Clair-av, Salen was presented with a bouquet of flowers by an eight-year-old boy and a three-year-old girl, dressed all in white. Salen said:

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Salen then ordered the lights dimmed, and flashed what he said was a photographic copy of the check. The check, dated April 1, 1913, was for $125, payable to Witt.

Situation As Salen Sees It.

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Said White: I am here to speak specifically for Mr. Davis who has asked me to say these things for him. We are opposed to municipal ownership of public utilities because no city can operate an enterprise as cheaply and efficiently as a privately owned company can do.

"Then you are in favor of having private detectives be our police department and favor letting contracts to put out our fires instead of having a fire department," said Witt.

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"In other words," retorted Witt, "it's natural for the city to own its own waterworks, but unnatural for us to own our own electric light plant, that sells current for three cents while the private company charges ten?"

Charlie Salen said his own stand on the issues had been well stated by White. Miner G. Norton was silent about muny ownership.

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Electric light for everyone at three cents.

That's one of the big campaign issues that Pete Witt Friday asserted he would hammer hard in his meetings Friday and Saturday nights.

Witt is the only mayoralty candidate who has come out flatly for three-cent light.

Attorney Pierre White, one of Harry L. Davis' leading campaign aids, put Davis squarely on record as opposed to municipal ownership of public utilities at the meeting of the Cleveland electrical league Thursday. Many of the members of the league are dealers in electrical supplies and others are employes of the Illuminating Co.

Said White: I am here to speak specifically for Mr. Davis who has asked me to say these things for him. We are opposed to municipal ownership of public utilities because no city can operate an enterprise as cheaply and efficiently as a privately owned company can do.

"Then you are in favor of having private detectives be our police department and favor letting contracts to put out our fires instead of having a fire department," said Witt.

"Oh, there's such a thing as natural municipal ownership and unnatural municipal ownership," snapped White.

White States Salen's Stand, While Norton Remains Silent.

"In other words," retorted Witt, "it's natural for the city to own its own waterworks, but unnatural for us to own our own electric light plant, that sells current for three cents while the private company charges ten?"

Charlie Salen said his own stand on the issues had been well stated by White. Miner G. Norton was silent about muny ownership.

"I am a municipal ownership advocate," said Witt. "I'm for public ownership of every utility that requires a franchise.

"If you want proof that the city can successfully operate its own public utilities, look at the water department, the garbage collection department and the muny light plant.

"All are operated for service and not for profit. All are now giving service that private companies never would have been able to give, at prices so much lower that there can be no comparison of rates.

"If any of you here require further proof that the Illuminating Co. can sell current to residences for three cents, consider its contract with the Concon. It sells current to that company delivered to the switchboard at less than two-thirds a cent a kilowatt. Anyone will tell you it can't take two and one-third cents more to deliver this to homes."

Muny Plant Clears $100,000 Each Year.

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SALEN 'SIDESHOW' IS NOW A 3-POLER

Calls Witt Real 'Sport'--Discusses Eastland and Bank Crash.

Charles P. Salen's "sideshow"—so-called by his arch-rival, Peter Witt—is reaching "big top" size as his "expose" of the Democratic administration goes on.

Thursday night the Salen tent was increased from a two-pole affair to a regular three-poler—and still the sidewalls had to be taken out so that the big crowd that couldn't get inside could hear the talk.

Close to 3,000 people turned out to hear Salen "unmask Peter Witt and the administration," at Broadway and Forman ave. Hecklers were out in force, but held their ammunition until the finish, when Salen was bombarded with questions.

Blames Witt in Bank Crash.

Salen's "new stuff" consisted of the charge that Witt and others financed the purchase of the steamer Eastland through the Depositors' Savings & Trust Company, the bank which was organized by Tom L. Johnson and failed. Salen declared the collapse of this institution was due to "the manipulation of the bank funds in making the loan to the Eastland."

He also declared that Witt installed gambling machines on the Eastland, which he said carried mostly young men and women. He declared a protest of the father of a boy, who had lost a large sum in the machines, was ignored by the city administration, which refused to take any action against the boat company. He declared that finally the boat was raided by federal officers but not until after the company had received $8,000 a year for granting the privilege for the operation of the machines.

That Salen's charges against street cleaning department have "stirred up the animals," as the speaker termed it, was evidenced by the appearance of a man who said he was secretary to Superintendent of Street Cleaning Hanna.

"I will quit my job tomorrow if you can prove that the time and teams of the city were used for private purposes by Gus Hanna," shouted the man.

"Ask him about the doors in Gus Hanna's home," came a voice from another part of the tent. "They were all put in at a cost to the city."

Clash Is Prevented.

"It's a lie," came back the man who claimed to be Hanna's secretary as he started toward the other speaker. Friends interfered to stop a fight.

"Mr. Salen, didn't you tell me one day at the Cleveland Advertising Club," shouted another heckler as he arose, pointing his finger at Salen, "that you and Jake Mintz owned Forest City Park, which I believe was the rottenest resort of its kind in the city."

Before Salen could finish his answer to this question a man jumped on the platform and declared:

"I was a special policeman in that park and I'm proud of it. Don't you say anything against it."

"Yes, but why should Mr. Salen be accusing Witt of running an objectionable place when he ran this sort of a park?"

Salen denied that the park was run in an objectionable manner and declared he was willing to leave that to the judgment of the people of the neighborhood it was in, whom he said were its most frequent attendants.

"What about the betrayal of Tom Johnson by flopping from one party to another?" came another voice. "Pete Henry has an affidavit that you betrayed Johnson."

"I never betrayed Mr. Johnson," shouted Salen. "And furthermore, I'm not going to drag the corpse of Mr. Johnson from its grave as my opponents have done in order to be elected. I have more respect for his memory than that."

Salen also had to reiterate his denial of having charged people to attend a ball game at a public park while director of public works, at the insistence of hecklers.

Says Hecklers Are Planted.

"It's the same old gang every night," shouted a Salen supporter. "All the hecklers hold city jobs and fear they'll lose them."

Salen reiterated his charge that Witt had told an untruth in regard to his ownership of the Norman hotel, a rooming house of shady reputaticn. He declared Witt "had tried to squirm and squeal out of it, but hadn't succeeded, not even to the satisfaction of his supporters."

"The Press only made one mistake in cartooning me as a sport," said Salen, referring to his charge of gambling on the Eastland and Witt's ownership of the Norman hotel. "They should have put Pete Witt's face where they put mine. If Witt hasn't proved himself a sport in the term they use it, I don't think anyone could be one."

The speaker again charged misuse of the street cleaning department by Hanna, repeated his charges of "boss rule" against Burr Gongwer and the county liquor license commissioners and exhibited again pictures of the Baldwin reservoir work as "some of the wasteful methods of the administration."

"Each evening I'm going to stir up the animals at city hall by starting something new," said Salen. "And I can prove all the statements I make. That is the difference between the mud-slinging that Witt does and my charges. He is irresponsible.

QUERY SQUAD AIMS VOLLEYS AT SALEN

Hecklers Hurl Lie Across Tent and Meeting Ends in Confusion.

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Candidate is Kept Busy Denying All Sorts of Propositions.

A volley of questions was shot at Charles P. Salen, candidate for mayor, at the conclusion of his speech in his tent at Forman-av and Broadway S. E. last night. The lie was thrown across the tent from one heckler to another and confusion marked the close of what had otherwise been an orderly political meeting.

Mr. Salen, with the aid of his stereopticon slides, reviewed the attacks on Peter Witt which he had made earlier in the week. Last night he had a three-pole tent. It was filled and some of the flaps were thrown up so that those unable to enter could hear. Mrs. Salen again occupied a front seat.

In his attack on Mr. Witt, Mr. Salen referred to the connection of Mr. Witt with the operation of the steamer Eastland when it was here and to the financial troubles connected with the boat. He said in opening:

"Last night an organized gang attempted to break up my meeting and I pride myself on the fact that I answered each of their 100 typewritten questions. All that I ask now is that there be no interruptions. I am suffering from a bad cold and a bad voice."

Mr. Salen said his doctor told him this morning he had a temperature of 101 and during the evening he took a couple of pills. He said the cold was due to the theft of his overcoat and hat at the Woodland-av (S. E.) tent meeting Wednesday night. He reported his wearing apparel returned.

And, as Mr. Salen had asked, the questions came at the close.

"Is it not true you told me that you and Jake Mintz ran the Forest City park?" asked a man near the front.

There were cries of: "Sit down. Sit down. Shut up. Throw him out," that lasted nearly a minute. Then a man near the platform said:

"While Mr. Salen and Mr. Mintz were running the Forest City park, I was a special police there and it was all right." That served for the answer.

"How about charging 15 cents admission for amateur baseball games?" asked another.

Mr. Salen said that was not true and explained that once a charge of 5 cents each had been made for seats at the Salen rink for ball games but that the police stopped it. The 15-cent story, he said, was untrue and had been maliciously circulated during the campaign.

"How about the betrayel of Tom L. Johnson?" asked another. "How about the affidavit?"

Mr. Salen said he had not betrayed Mr. Johnson and that the affidavit did not exist. He said:

"Unlike Mr. Baker and Mr. Witt, I am not going to drag the corpse of Tom L. Johnson into political discussion. Mr. Johnson and I were friends long before he entered politics, and we remained friends until the men who are trying to make the public believe that I was unfaithful poisoned his mind against me and thereby hastened his death."

Mr. Salen denied he had lobbied against the salary law for county clerks, but said he was against the date set for its becoming effective, saying he had an understanding with leading Democrats that his term was to continue under the fee system. He said that when he was elected in 1907 he largely financed the Democratic campaign.

Mr. Salen repeated his charge that employes of the street cleaning department and property of that department were being used to demonstrate a patent flusher. When the questioners were busy, a young man, who said he was secretary to Street Cleaning Superintendent Gus Hanna, promised to resign his position tomorrow if Mr. Salen could prove that charge. Mr. Salen said he needn't resign, as he wouldn't have the job long.

Mr. Salen made a new charge against the municipal lighting plant in the East End. He said investigation Wednesday showed the pipes for the plant had been built through a sewer and that the pipes were responsible for the blocking of sewers along E. 105th-st.

In discussing the street car situation Mr. Salen criticised the new car barns, saying the company had been permitted to "spend millions in new barns with quarters that would remind one of an industrial concern that had a strike on its hands and was providing comforts for strike breakers."

"The demand of the men for an eight-hour day is just and the city cannot grant it too soon," he said. "I do not believe that with an economical administration 3-cent fare would be endangered if these demands were granted."

In talking of the Press cartoons of him he said that if he is "considered a good sport, he is glad of it."

When Mr. Salen entered the tent the instrumental quartet struck up "America," and the audience stood with bared head while Mr. Salen took the platform.

DAVIS GIVES ADVICE ON ART OF HECKLIN(

Qualifies as "Expert," Tel Swarm of Questioners How to Do Their Work.

Harry L. Davis qualified as a "expert" in the gentle art c heckling Thursday night when h passed out advice to questioner who swarmed his tent at Craw ford-rd and E. 83d-st.

"You're all together tonigh aren't you?" said Davis, whe several questions came from th right wing of the tent.

"You know, boys," he advised "to be good hecklers you ough to spread around in the tent."

"Will you let the clubs sell li quor on Sundays?" one man asked.

"That's not an issue," said Davis.

"Why isn't it?" the man persisted.

As Davis hesitated a moment one of the lawyers sitting near him on the platform prompted in a low voice:

"Tell him the state law takes care of that."

Davis then answered: "If I am elected I will observe my oath of office to enforc the law."

"Then you won't allow 'em to sell?" shot back the questioner. Davis ignored this.

Tells of Collections.

After Davis told how he had collected "uncollectable bills" while city treasurer, this question was fired at him:

"Do you call bills paid by the Cleveland Railway Co. without protest 'uncollectable'?"

"I don't refer to those bills; they were collected by former Auditor Wright," said Davis. "These were other bills."

"Isn't it true that you spent $3000 more to run your office as city treasurer than your successor?" another man asked.

"I did spend more than my successor," Davis acknowledged, "but I told you I put on collectors and the old bills I collected more than paid the running expenses of my office."

"Next!" shouted somebody, and Davis remarked: "I don't blame these boys. They're paid to come here, and they need the money."

Questions Auto Bills.

Then another man rose and asked:

"Why did it cost you $2000 for auto repairs, while the treasurer's auto bill since has been about $500?"

"Because I put on a pay car and took the city employes' money to them, saving time for the city and inconvenience for the men." And a moment later Davis added: "And the democrats have continued this paycar system."

"Do you intend to cut the welfare or street repair departments?" another man inquired. Davis side-stepped this with:

"Money could be saved in both these departments."

"What departments would you cut?" asked the same questioner.

"I would eliminate waste wherever I found it," said Davis.

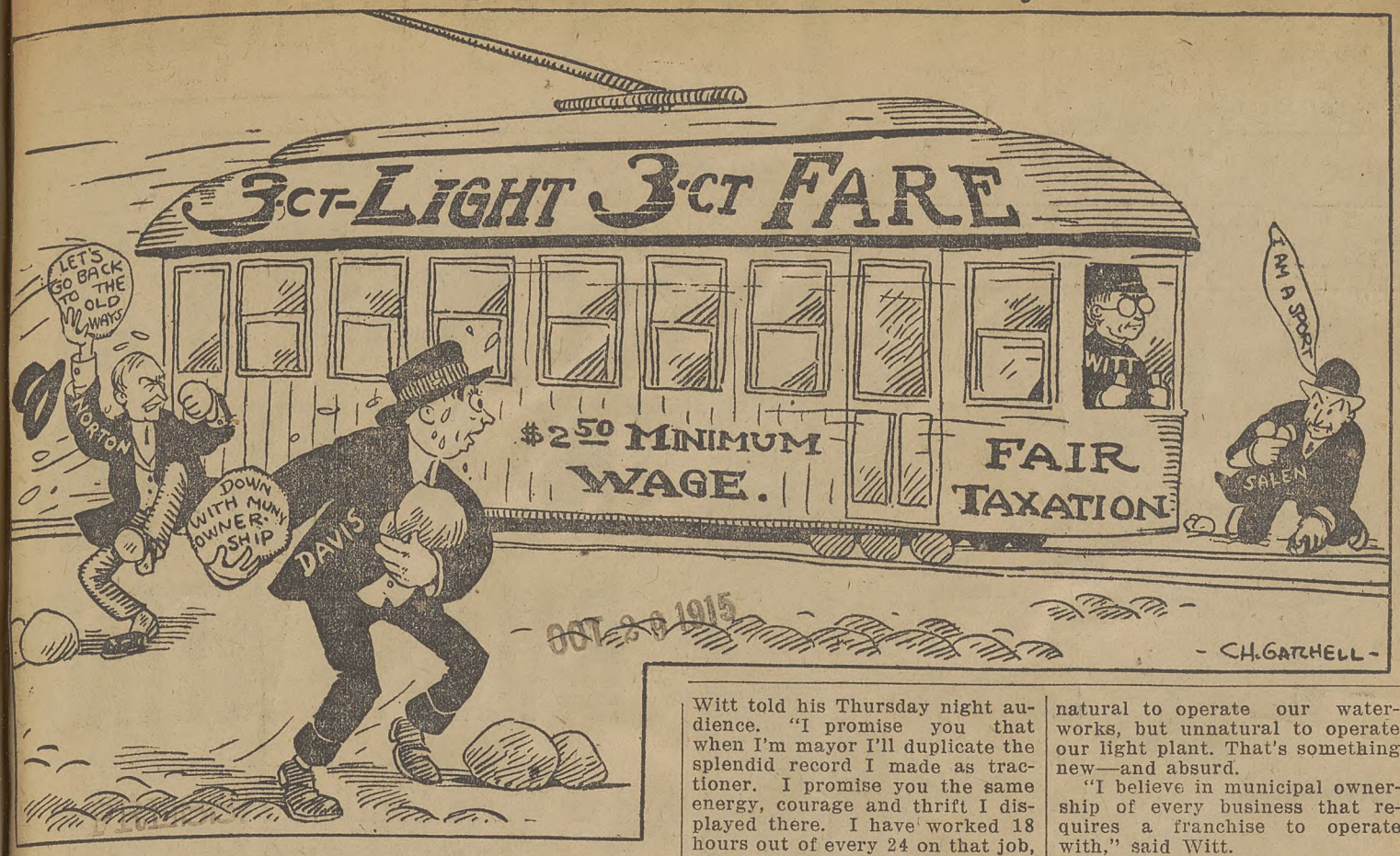
Davis said at a hall meeting:

"When The Press said in Thursday's issue that I'm honest and have been successful in my own business, I couldn't have gotten a better recommendation if I had paid thousands of dollars for one."

He continued: "There isn't much a mayor can do but to be square, honorable and upright in all his dealings with the public.

"Peter Witt says he's a dreamer. I've always believed that dreamers are sleepers, and this town doesn't want any dreamers."

"Throwing Stones as the Car Goes By"



WITT PROMISES AS MAYOR HE'LL EQUAL RECORD AS TRACTIONER

Pete Witt, confident of romping home a winner next Tuesday on first choice votes, holds the final meetings of his campaign Friday and Saturday nights.

Pete showed the strain of campaigning Thursday night. After addressing two of the biggest tent meetings of the campaign, he found it impossible to go to two hall meetings where he had been booked.

Witt's confidence that he would win was strengthened by the throng that greeted him in supposedly hostile territory Thursday night.

His tent at Ansel-rd and Hough-av, in the heart of strong republican territory, was packed.

At the tent at Franklin-av and W. 58th-st, the sidewalls were taken down and people stood packed ten deep to hear Witt's talk.

Not a heckler interrupted Witt at either meeting, but applause frequently broke his address.

"I'm the only candidate standing on a constructive platform," Witt told his Thursday night audience. "I promise you that when I'm mayor I'll duplicate the splendid record I made as tractioner. I promise you the same energy, courage and thrift I displayed there. I have worked 18 hours out of every 24 on that job, and I'll do the same as mayor.

"When I'm thru as mayor, I'll render an account of which no man or woman in this city will be ashamed. I want to be mayor so that I can have 700,000 people at my back when I go to demand relief from unjust laws. I want Cleveland's civic consciousness to grow even stronger.

"We are now coming down the home stretch of the mayoralty race, and the field is distanced. I'm glad the race is nearly over. For the first time in 30 years, I've been knocked out. My voice has gone back on me. It's been an effort for me to talk.

"Pierre White, one of Harry Davis' campaign managers, says 'we don't believe in any muny ownership except natural muny ownership.' In other words, it's natural to operate our waterworks, but unnatural to operate our light plant. That's something new—and absurd.

"I believe in municipal ownership of every business that requires a franchise to operate with," said Witt.

"When Sam Scovil sees the size of the shingle in my woodshed he'll be glad to come down in his light rates. We no longer worship here at the jitney shrine. Maybe we'll even have a three-cent piece coined and get three-cent peanuts and three-cent beer."

"When I'm mayor I propose to amend the charter so that in all repaving abutting property owners will pay 20 per cent of the cost and the remaining 80 per cent will be collected from the city at large on an assessment against the total land values."

Witt said he hoped the "people never would stop kicking, even if they rode in chair cars and had porters to assist them on and off. Kicking makes for progress.

"I know the crowd from which I sprung," he said in conclusion. "In any battle between capital and labor I shall cast my lot with that crowd. That's the reason I want to be mayor.

"I want to give this city the administration to which it is entitled, but in my spare moments I want to battle against the unjust man-made laws that are defying your children and mine an equal opportunity.

"It was never intended that some men should own this earth and others merely board on it. It was never intended that little children should go supperless to bed and that other children be ground into dollars. Man-made laws have done this, and I want to be mayor of this city of 700,000 people to help change this."

Witt Now Seeks Three Phone Co's, Says Davis

Harry L. Davis attacked Pete Witt's promises that if elected he will compel the two telephone companies to exchange service in Cleveland when he addressed a crowd at a tent meeting at E. 83d st. and Crawford rd. last night.

A physician accompanied Davis on his tour last night because his throat has been troubling him and he could speak only by having treatment administered after every address.

"Witt today admitted it would be impossible to compel the telephone companies to exchange service," Davis said, "but has asserted it might be possible to ask the people to ratify a bond issue for another telephone system, thus giving Cleveland three different brands of telephone service."

Davis' address was not without interruptions, a group of five hecklers seated in the front row keeping him busy answering questions.

Davis also declared that credit for improvement in Cleveland street car service belonged to John Stanley, president of the Cleveland Railway Company, and not to Witt.

Four other meetings were attended by Davis. He spoke at Douse Street hall, Douse ave. and Broadway, the Johnson house, W. 25th st. and Broadview rd., before the icemen's union at 310 Prospect ave., and before the Majestic Republican Club at 1783 W. 25th st. This organization voted to indorse Davis, following his address.

WITT SAYS HE'LL STAND ON RECOR

Peter Witt stands squarely up his record as a private citizen a public official in the present ca paign, he declared last night.

Witt continued to ignore charges made by Charles P. Salen. and almost completely eliminated personalities at two meetings last night. He spoke to big crowds at Ansel rd. and Hough ave., in the twentieth ward, and at the third ward meeting at W. 58th st and Franklin ave. There were no hecklers at either meeting.

Witt declared that personally he was glad that the campaign was nearing a close. His voice has gone back on him several times and it was the first time in thirty years that he has been "knocked out," he confessed.

"We are coming down the home stretch, though, and the rest of the field has been distanced." said he.

"The 'sport' says that many bitter things have been said during the campaign, but that after it is over, all will be forgotten," said Witt in one of his few references to Candidate Salen. "That may go so far as the 'sport' is concerned, but it does not go with Pete Witt."

The speaker repeated the statement that he was the only candidate having a constructive program and renewed promises to bring about a telephone consolidation, change tax laws and force the Illuminating company to meet the city light plant's rate.

Witt drew a laugh at the West Side tent meeting when he drained a glass of water with the remark, "This is not the ordinary kind of wet stuff I drink. I am about the only man in public office with courage enough to admit that he takes two drinks a day."

$1,000 POSTED IN DAY IN ELECTION BETTING

There was considerable activity in election betting yesterday, more than $1,000 being placed with Tim Raleigh, E. 9th st. The odds upon the mayoralty candidates showed very little change. Miner G. Norton's stock took a slight rise, even money being offered that he would poll more than 10,000 first choice votes.

A new wager of $50 even was posted that the prohibition amendment in the county would be defeated by 35,000.

WITT SURE HE'LL BE IN VOICE TO DEBATE DAVIS

Tractioner Witt's voice was still in such condition Saturday noon that under his physician's advice he did not attend the City Club luncheon in the Hollenden, where he, Salen, Davis and Norton were scheduled to speak. The other mayoralty candidates were present. Davis' voice wasn't in the best of condition, but he planned to make a short address and rest through the afternoon. Witt has promised that he will be in condition for the debate with Davis in Grays' armory Saturday night. He spent all Saturday at home nursing his vocal organs.

It was largely because of the attack of laryngitis, from which Witt has been suffering nearly two weeks, that the debate was changed from the tent at E. 55th st. and Cedar ave. to the armory. Doctors agreed that Witt would have a better chance to maintain his voice indoors than in the dampness of a tent.

Witt also is confident he will be able to address the labor mass meeting in the Hippodrome Sunday afternoon.

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The drys Saturday accepted the challenge of the wets to have Hall and Summers, the dry dialogue debaters, meet A. J. Schanfarber and J. A. Altschul Saturday night in Chamber of Commerce auditorium. The wet debaters are to take the negative side of the question that the prohibition amendment should be adopted.

David W. Teachout, drys' chairman, accepted the challenge sent by Samuel T. Haas, wet leader, at noon Saturday. The wets charged Hall and Summers were not willing to engage in a bona-fide debate on the wet and dry questions.

Schanfarber and Altschul went to Public Square at noon where Hall and Summers were holding a dialogue and questioned them. The wets had more than 100 wet advocates in the Square to take issue with the drys.

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Witt was the only mayoralty candidate who failed to appear before the Young Men's Business Club Friday night. Finance Director Coughlin, who substituted, explained Witt was kept away by his bad throat.

Salen attacked Witt as a member of a "vicious political ring" that dominates federal as well as city and county appointments. He cited that District Attorney Wertz was forced to appoint as an assistant a candidate named by the Democratic "group" here, and not one of his own choice.

Norton again exposed the manipulations in the letting of the filter plant contract, and attacked city hall for letting the city's credit run down. He also attacked Witt for his management of the traction commissioner's office.

Davis declared the popular "indoor sport" at city hall is adding to the $1,500,000 operating deficit and the $53,000,000 bonded indebtedness. The Chamber of Commerce's stand against the deficiency bond issue confirms his judgment, he said.

Ruthenberg charged Witt with laxness in enforcing the Tayler grant for the protection of car riders. He urged adoption of the initiated Socialist ordinance calling for city purchase of the railway company.

Coughlin, speaking for Witt, said it was the latter's wish that he not touch upon the "wonderful and magnificent achievements of the present administration." His address was one mainly in the defense of Mayor Baker.

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Richard Koeppel, Socialist Labor candidate for mayor, came out Saturday with the fiat statement he is running only to educate Clevelanders, and not with the hope of being elected.

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Attorney William W. White, director in the Barber E. 55th st. subway proposition, told members of the Cleveland Lumbermen's Association Friday night that the freight tubes will be in operation in five years.

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Mrs. Anna Herbruck, 10002 Cedar ave., president of the Woman's Civic Association, announced Saturday that the organization will back Mrs. Virginia D. Green, M. C. Yeagle and Mark L. Thomsen for school board.

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The Civic League has indorsed these candidates for assessor:

Ward 1—John R. Olderman.
Ward 2—William H. Brady.
Ward 3—Wilbert D. Gray.
Ward 4—Julius J. Bergholz or Edward J. Langman.
Ward 5—Frank P. Trneny or Louis Zepp.
Ward 6—Miles E. Evans.
Ward 7—F. F. Hirschert.
Ward 8—Edward F. Hewitt.
Ward 9—E. E. Stowe.
Ward 10—Harry J. Reinartz.
Ward 11—John A. Cossey.
Ward 12—Charles Deicken or Benjamin E. Rosenbaum.
Ward 13—No contest.
Ward 14—Thomas C. Cerny.
Ward 15—Ray J. Sisk.
Ward 16—Robert J. Capper.
Ward 17—Charles J. Schultz.
Ward 18—C. H. Derse.
Ward 19—G. V. Ashdown or Claudius A. Kahle.
Ward 20—Calvin J. Hinds.
Ward 21—Walter F. McDonough.
Ward 22—I. K. Hurt.
Ward 23—Henry L. Schaefer.
Ward 24—James M. Gee.
Ward 25—Allen S. Keeler.
Ward 26—Charles E. Davis or Ernest R. Moses.

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Sunday is to be "Dry Sunday" in the Protestant churches. The schedule of speakers:

First United Presbyterian church, E. 71st st. and Carnegie ave., 11 a. m. Mayor Schreiber of East Liverpool.

Bedford town hall, 8 p. m. Professor A. O. Fleming, Youngstown.

Wade Park ave. and E. 80th st. Open air meeting, 3 p. m. Mayor Schreiber of East Liverpool.

West Boulevard Christian church, 7:30 p. m. Mayor Schreiber.

Fidelity Baptist church, 8401 Wade Park ave., 10:15 a. m. W. S. Keeling.

Trinity Congregational church, 7:30 p. m. K. F. Leet.

Brooklyn Memorial church, 7:30 p. m. D. W. Teachout.

West Park M. E. church, 7:30 p. m. W. M. Freer.

United Brethren church, E. 105th and Tacoma ave., 7:30 p. m. R. E. Hyde and A. Forney.

Brooklyn M. E. Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. R. E. Hyde.

Dunham Avenue Christian church, 9:30 a. m. A. D. Cuthbertson.

Kinsman Road M. E. Sunday school, 9:15 a. m. James H. Burt.

Dover M. E. church, 9:45 a. m. M. F. Wamsley.

Beachland Union Sunday school, 4 p. m. A. W. Ferris.

Euclid Avenue M. E. church, 7:30 p. m. Rev. J. W. Case.

Antioch Baptist church, 7:30 p. m. J. H. Clingan.

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In the absence of Witt at Friday night's tent meeting at Denison ave. and W. 25th st., Congressmen Gordon and Crosser and Mayor Baker appealed for votes for him. Baker said Witt was entitled to the mayoralty because he had made good in the office of street railroad commissioner. Crosser insisted that Witt was the only mayoralty candidate with a constructive platform.

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Norton, talking at McNess' hall, 6701 Madison ave., Friday night, told his audience the West Side was not receiving its share of city improvements from the Baker administration. Norton said that Witt has started his campaign arguing that the people should rule, but that he had suddenly changed over to the idea that he is the one who will rule if elected mayor.

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Davis told an audience at the Doan Republican Club, E. 105th st. and St. Clair ave., that "clean out the city hall" is the watchword of his campaign. The feeling in all parts of the city is that the city hall needs a cleaning out, he said. He promised if elected mayor he would do the necessary cleaning out, and to gradually pay off the indebtedness the city now has.

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Salen in his speaking tour Friday night missed a crowd of 200 children who had gathered at Hermann ave. and W. 67th st., to hear him. Salen did not arrive at the corner until after 10 o'clock and the children had gone home. Salen said he was greatly disappointed.

I'LL REFORM CORRECTION IDEA---NORTON

Attacks City for Many Escapes From Warrensville.

DAVIS HAS A DOCTOR

Says Witt Now Seeks Three Telephone Services Instead of Two.

The old Methodist church at Archwood ave. and W. 25th st., reverberated with cheers when Miner G. Norton last night assailed the Baker administration for its abuse of the parole power at the Warrensville workhouse. Norton declared that the administration's method of operating that institution was a burlesque on justice.

"If I am elected mayor, blind men will not escape from the workhouse in broad daylight," Norton said. "The abuse of the parole law out there breeds contempt for the law and courts. I don't believe in sentencing a man for a long term when he has committed a little misdemeanor but I don't believe in letting men who have stabbed, shot and made murderous assault on others escape. I'll employ guards who will not be asleep."

Scores City Officials.

Norton said that the certainty of punishment was the only thing which could prevent crime. He declared that present city and workhouse officials had permitted hundreds to escape from the correction farm and that no effort had been made to rearrest them.

The "coddling of criminals," he said, was not the fault of the police department, but of the workhouse authorities.

The management of all city departments, with the exception of the fire and police departments, was characterized as "loose" by Norton when he talked to 200 men at E. 152d st. and Aspinwall ave.

A heckler at a meeting in the old Nottingham town hall, E. 185th st. and Nottingham rd., asked Norton if he would make all of his appointments from one religious sect.

"Every man who is an American citizen will get a fair deal from me," Norton answered. "It matters not what religious order he belongs to."

Brings Up Patents.

At the Odd Fellows' hall, W. 25th st. and Broadview ave., Norton again flayed Witt for having sold street cars which he had patented to the city.

"Witt says he isn't going to charge Cleveland royalties on the cars he has sold us," Norton said. "But we will have to pay royalties unless Witt executes a paid-up license to the city. Let him sign such a paid-up license and we'll believe him."

SALEN CHARGES CAR MEN SUFFER

Witt and Traction Company Conspire to Keep Wages Down, He Says at Meeting.

Elimination of defects in the working schedules of the Cleveland Railway Company employees, the need of a universal eight-hour work day and municipal ownership as soon as city finances have been accounted, were advocated by Charles P. Salen last night in addresses at 2818 W. 25th st. and 3225 Central ave.

"The worst phase in the present control of the Cleveland Railway Company is that which exists among its employees," said Salen. "The company and the street railway commissioner, acting jointly, have so arranged the schedules that swing runs are the rule.

"Nearly 40 per cent of the employees have to work on these swings and put in an average of only three and one-half hours per day. In order to hold these men, the company has provided at great cost, comfort stations at the terminals and equipped them with pool rooms, reading rooms and restaurants.

"The men do not want pool and reading rooms—they want work. How can they enjoy pool and books when their families are hungry? If they are to enjoy any comforts, they prefer to share them with their wives and little ones.

"I favor remedying these schedules and giving all employes a minimum scale as a day's work. I also favor furnishing some seating device for the conductors."

Salen said that he was a firm believer in municipal ownership, but that it should not be taken up until the matters of city finance had been accounted.

"Failure to provide able competition to private corporations hurts the cause," he said.

"My movement is a declaration of independence for the city. Among other things I will prove later is that the office of Rev. Harris R. Cooley, director of charities and correction, is dominated by political pull."

The eight-hour work day will be the salvation of all labor troubles, Salen said.

"If elected, I shall use my influence to have it universally adopted."

BENESCH BACKS UP ON FORFEIT, SALEN AIDES SAY

Director of Public Safety Benesch joined the $1,000 forfeit club yesterday when he announced that he would pay that sum to charity if Charles P. Salen, mayoralty candidate, could prove his charge that a Monte Carlo was operated downtown with official sanction.

"I'll put up the money whenever Salen says the word," said Benesch. "There may be a little gambling here and there that police do not know about. It is up to Salen to furnish proof to substantiate his charges that there is gambling on a big scale in Cleveland."

Salen's managers claim Benesch backed down when they offered to cover his money.

'LL QUIT RACE IF CHARGE IS PROVED,' WITT

Thus Does Democrat Reply to Norton's Cry Railway Company Doesn't Have to Pay for Paving.

Political Opponents Clash in Debate Before Throng in Armory, Where There's Little Heckling.

NORTON HITS BOND ISSUE FOR CURRENT EXPENSES

Witt Would 'Live in Future, Not as Relic of Past Years.'

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BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Statements hurled from the platform in the Grays armory last night by Miner G. Norton relative to the paving provisions of the Tayler grant were met in rebuttal by Peter Witt with the declaration he would withdraw from the mayoralty race and support the Norton candidacy if the Republican could "make good" his assertions.

Mr. Norton's charge was that "not one cent of paving does the Cleveland Railway Co. have to pay for under this grant. They're relieved of it all. Is it any wonder the commissioner wants the streets repaved? Every street repaved lifts so much burden off the company, and the property owners and taxpayers at large are paying the expense!"

It was the continuation of the Witt-Norton debate begun a week ago last Monday night in the Democratic tent, when Mr. Witt asked Mr. Norton a series of questions and Mr. Norton proposed that he answer them at another meeting this week. Charges and counter-charges, arguments and rebuttal, flew from one to the other last night.

Crowds Fill Armory.

The armory scarcely could hold the crowd. The seats couldn't begin to accommodate the thousands of men and women who packed the great auditorium. They stood rows deep at the rear, all around the sides, and in the galleries.

They applauded each speaker in turn. Each candidate was received as he stepped on the stage with roars of applause and stamping of feet. Unlike the debate in the Democratic tent, there was little heckling.

The few questions asked were waved aside, Mr. Norton paying attention to but one interruption, and Mr. Witt declining to answer any, inviting his questioners to the tent when he would have all the time t himself. Policemen were stationed i every aisle.

R. J. Bulkley, Democratic execu tive committee chairman, presided Councilman James J. McGinty kep time for Mr. Witt, and J. W. Ho comb held the watch for Mr. Nor ton. With Mr. Norton also was J. Van Wye, and Mr. Witt was ac companied by Director of Public Ser vice T. L. Sidlo and Finance Directo Thomas Coughlin.

Mr. Norton, who spoke first, d rected the charge of extravagan against the present administratio said bonds had been issued for ex penditures which should have bee met out of operating expenses, an charged the street railway commis sioner's office has been run solely fo the benefit of the stockholders of th Cleveland Railway Co. He said was no wonder President John Stanley and Mr. Witt had no con troversies, and predicted the peopl of Cleveland had ridden under 3-cen fare for the last time.

Refutes Fare Charge.

Mr. Witt charged Mr. Norton tol only half the truth about contrac figures mentioned by the anti-administration speaker. He said Mr. Norton's statements regarding construction of provisions of the Tayler grant showed that what Mr. Norton did not know about the situation "would fill a large book." He said flat 3-cent fare was coming again, and that it was his duty to "get along" with the railway company.

He stood on his record as street railway commissioner with the declaration he had revolutionized the system to make it the best in the world. He said Mr. Norton was "living in the past," but that for himself, "as mayor," he intended to live in the future. Incidentally he labeled Mr. Norton "a dry."

Mr. Norton, opening the debate, referred to Mr. Witt's question as to which bond issues going to make up the city's bonded indebtedness of $54,000,000 he (Norton) would have opposed as mayor, and where there had been extravagance in spending the proceeds of the bonds.

Mr. Norton declared he agreed bond issues were justifiable for large improvements, but not to meet current expenses. He asserted reconstruction of Central viaduct should have been met out of the tax levy for bridges, and that he knew of no "extraordinary repairs" for the Superior viaduct, mentioned in the list. All that were made in the last ten years, he declared, should have come out of the tax for current expenses. "Central viaduct repairs, $110,000," was the same thing over, he declared.

"For sewage disposal plant, $1,735,000," Mr. Norton said. "Why, gentlemen, fifteen or twenty years ago a great sewerage system was laid out for this city. The great intercepting sewer was planned. Experts were brought here to plan it. But instead of having a sewage disposal plant, at one-third the cost, they're going ahead with three, and the one for which these bond issues were contemplated is at the foot of E. 58th-st. They are dumping sewage right where they take it back for the water supply. I say that's unjustifiable, bonds issued for that purpose."

Regarding bids for construction of the filtration plant, Mr. Norton declared the bid was let to Casey & Co. at $869,059.50 after Charles Fath & Co. forfeited their bid of $714,675.75, and that the city as a matter of good business should have readvertised for bids instead of giving it to the next highest bidder after the forfeiture. He said also a bonus of $68,500 was paid for completing ahead of time a tunnel for a filtration plant that "isn't done yet and we don't know when it will be."

"Why, gentlemen, they've issued bonds for everything," he cried. "Here's $110,000 for small pox." The crowd roared and applauded.

Then he turned to the street car situation.

"What, 3-cent fare succeeded under Witt?" cried Mr. Norton. "When he came into power we had 3-cent fare. When Herman Baehr came in, fare went down."

"We are really paying 4-cent fare if we ride any distance," continued Mr. Norton.

Mr. Witt said: "It has been ... good executive is one who decides quickly and is sometimes right.

"A week ago last Monday night," he said, "I submitted several questions to Mr. Norton. He, whom I look upon as the ablest candidate of the other side——"

"How about Ruthenberg?" cried a questioner.

"He isn't an issue, he's a nuisance," shot back the commissioner, continuing:

"——he didn't answer then. It took him ten days, and he hasn't got the answer yet. He's missed everything except one or two. Let's analyze those."

Mr. Witt said bonds were issued to rebuild Central viaduct because it was an improvement to last 20 or 30 years, and that bonds were issued for repairing it after the lumber yard fire as an emergency. He asserted "no levy is ever made in taxes for extraordinary and emergency purposes."

He then said the "smallpox" bonds were issued under Tom L. Johnson as a "heroic measure" that stamped out the smallpox, after the administration, of which Mr. Norton was a part, and others had wrestled with the problem in vain.

He said three sewage disposal plants were being built because those of the administration in which Mr. Norton was an official "thought as villagers and never considered the great city of 1915." He said Mr. Norton "unjustly and not to his credit" did not tell the crowd the next higher bid over Casey & Co. for the filtration plant was $200,000 more and that engineers who figured the job estimated the cost at more than the Casey bid, so that the city did wisely in giving it to Casey instead of readvertising.

He said the filtration plant would be completed in two or three months, and that then "Miner as a dry can have the water to drink, and we who aren't can have the brewer filter ours."

There was loud laughter.

The commissioner said Mr. Norton had not answered his question setting forth the Baker administration spent less than that of Herman Baehr, and he asserted Mr. Norton was the first man he ever heard say "a good word for the Baehr administration."

He said he would speak for himself as to his record as commissioner, because, he cried, stretching out his arm to the crowd, "I think I've made a success of it." There was loud applause which continued when Mr. Witt said he had brought the sysem from a "junk pile" to "the finest railway system, not in the United States, but in the world."

He said it was his duty as the city's partner in the partnership with the railway company to "get along" with John Stanley, and that if he hadn't, the good of the Tayler grant wouldn't last thirty days. He answered Mr. Norton's statement the ordinance called for new cars by terming it "untrue," asserting "there wasn't a car bought until Pete Witt was on the job." He closed with asserting why he wants the office of mayor.

"What Norton is doing is living in the past," he cried. "If you want a mayor who lives in the past, don't vote for me. I'm going to live in the future. I'm going to get the job. There'll be no trouble in finding the boss when Pete Witt's mayor.

"For thirty years I've been fighting on the right side. I want to carry forward the struggle of those pushing onward and upward, of those who believe the world will be a better place to live in. We are our brother's keepers, and I want to do my share, until my race is run, in ushering in that day!"

CLEAN AND WASH ELECTRICALLY IF WITT'S ELECTED?

A vacuum cleaner and an electric washer in every family are new planks in Witt's platform being discussed Thursday.

In Witt's tent meetings at Buckeye rd. and E. 99th st. and at Harvard ave. and E. 91st st. Wednesday night Witt declared every woman should own a cleaner and an electric washer, and declared "when I'm mayor she'll have them."

$500,000 MORE MUST BE PARED BY NEW MAYOR

Drop in City's Tax Income Is Blamed for Condition by Finance Director Coughlin.

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The condition of Cleveland's city finances in 1916 will be even more grave than this year. Whoever the incoming mayor, he must clip approximately $500,000 off this year's operating expenses or issue that sum in deficiency notes.

This was the statement Thursday of Finance Director Coughlin in reviewing 1916 budgets compiled by city hall department heads. Failure of tax commissioners to increase the tax duplicate considerably and a marked drop in the tax income for city purposes are to blame, he charged. To adjust city hall's finances for the coming year will be a task much more difficult than last year, according to Coughlin.

Must Cut $500,000 More.

Figures compiled by Coughlin Thursday showed the actual tax revenue available for city operating expenses for this year was $3,432,311. But department heads jumped over the traces and expended $600,000 more, which was met by deficiency notes. The total expended for operating expenses in 1915 is $4,032,311.

But in 1916 not more than $3,565,770, and probably considerably less, will be available for city operating expenses, Coughlin reported. Which means, finance officials agreed, that curtailed 1915 activities must be cut approximately $500,000 more if no deficiency notes are to be issued. Every department head has insisted 1916 appropriations must be larger than in 1915 on account of Cleveland's growth.

"City hall finances are rapidly growing worse instead of better," declared Coughlin Thursday. "The county has cut the city tax rate from $4.18 on the $1,000 to $4.01. The increase in the tax duplicate is estimated at $20,000,000, making it $892,000,000, but it is extremely doubtful whether the increase is $10,000,000. For this year we cut every activity to the bone. Unless we run up another operating deficit in 1916 we must clip $500,000 more, which seems impossible. Whoever is the incoming mayor will face a precarious situation."

Plead for Deficiency Bonds.

"It's either cut still more or issue deficiency notes," declared Councilman McGinty, member of council appropriation committee. "The city must clean and pave and repair streets, collect garbage and keep its departments going. The City hospital, because of its additions, must have more money. So must many other departments. We are fast getting into a hole and we can't see the way out."

If the $1,500,000 bond issue for retiring the city's operating deficit is voted down, city hall must keep on borrowing money on short-time notes, both Coughlin and McGinty declared.

NORTON CONDEMNS CITY FARM SYSTEM

Calls Escapes From Prison 'Most Scandalous Miscarriage of Justice.'

Charges Officials Fail to Protect Workmen on Sewer Contract.

Miner G. Norton, candidate for mayor, last night characterized the administration of the Warrensville parole board as a "continual miscarriage of justice, the most scandalous known in the United States."

An audience of more than 250 men and women who had waited until 10:30 to hear him speak in a church building at Archwood-av S. W. and W. 25th-st, cheered his statement.

Mr. Norton backed up the charge by quoting criticisms of the parole board from published interviews of "Democratic authorities only." Among them were Cyrus Locher, county prosecutor, and Common Pleas Judge C. J. Estep. He also quoted a Plain Dealer editorial. Mr. Locher was quoted as saying the frequency with which prisoners escaped from the institution and the short periods they serve because of the parole system is breeding a contempt for the courts and the police.

Citing a list of prisoners who have been paroled, Mr. Norton called attention to the period served by a man known as the "Dope King," who was caught with $10,000 worth of dope in his possession, according to Mr. Norton's clippings. The man drew a sentence of one year and $1,000 fine but he was paroled after serving about two months, according to the candidate. Mr. Norton drew laughter when he mentioned a blind criminal who learned the way to escape, and did escape after serving but two weeks, Mr. Norton declared.

"This is a burlesque of justice," said Mr. Norton. "I favor parole but it should be administered more carefully."

Mr. Norton addressed five meetings last night which took him from the old Nottingham town hall on E. 185th-st to the Odd Fellows' hall at 4182 W. 25th-st.

In the Nottingham meeting he charged the administration with failing to make Graham & Donnelly, contractors, live up to specifications of their contract in building a conduit sewer from W. 25th-st to W. 58th-st. According to Mr. Norton the specifications demanded the contractors use devices known as shields and camps to protect lives of workmen. Because of these specifications, Mr. Norton said, the sewer is costing more than it should, and workmen are not being protected. But Mr. Graham was superintendent of sewers under Mayor Tom L. Johnson and later under Mayor Newton D. Baker, Mr. Norton declared.

In a packed meeting at Aspinwall-av N. E. and E. 152d-st, Mr. Norton took up Mr. Witt's promise to give Cleveland a reduction on the price of street cars designed by the traction commissioner. If Mr. Witt really means this let him draw up the necessary deeds of gift and have them registered in the United States patent office, said Mr. Norton.

Mr. Norton last night repeated his characterization of Candidate Harry L. Davis' plan for combining city and county as a "humbug" and absurd.

Mr. Norton closed the evening by predicting he will receive "not less than 35,000 first choice votes." He recalled, he said, he had predicted almost exactly the majorities that resulted in the election of Gov. Frank B. Willis and United States Senator Warren G. Harding.

SILENT VOTE IS BEING CLAIMED BY ALL 4 MEN

Norton and Davis Think Salen "Expose" Is Shifting Witt Votes to Them.

SALEN FOLK SAY HE GETS AND KEEPS 'EM HIMSELF

Witt Leaders Look On Big Crowds at Salen Tent as Curiosity Seekers.

Leaders in the camps of the four leading candidates for mayor Friday were busy trying to figure out where the so-called silent vote will go. The big tent meetings at which Salen has delivered his "unmasking of Witt" to nearly 10,000 people in three nights is causing uneasiness and wonder among the other candidates.

Until the first of this week the other candidates ignored the Salen meetings. Since he began his "expose" the Democratic organization has had a representative at every meeting to report the sentiment of the meeting and to watch over the hecklers the Salen people charge are "planted city hall employees." Thursday night the Democratic organization was represented at the Salen tent by Milton Young, secretary to Mayor Baker. Miner G. Norton and Harry L. Davis both have "looked in" on Salen meetings.

Friday all candidates were wondering what effect the "expose" is having. Witt men say the Salen crowds are curiosity seekers. They declare the "expose" is not changing any votes. The organization has planned to go into every precinct Monday night and through its ward and precinct leaders "keep the vote in line."

Davis and Norton supporters agree Salen is taking votes from Witt, but are not so sure whether he is making them for himself. Norton men say that the shifted vote will go largely to their candidate—at least on second choice votes. Davis leaders say the Salen campaign has bolstered that of Davis because it is a direct attack on Witt, whom they look upon as Davis' only rival.

In the Salen camp it is declared the "expose" will result in a big Salen vote.

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Witt told two tent audiences Thursday night at two meetings that he is willing to stand on his record as a private citizen and as a public official. He ignored Salen's charges and eliminated personalities. There was no heckling. One tent was pitched at Ansel rd. and Hough ave., the other at Franklin ave. and W. 58th st.

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Salen entered the three-pole tent class Thursday night, but even the increased capacity of the tent was not sufficient to accommodate the big crowd at Broadway and Forman ave. As on the previous night hecklers were planted in every part of the tent. Milton Young, mayor's secretary, seemed to be boss heckler.

Salen charged that Witt and others financed the purchase of the steamer Eastland through the Depositors' Savings & Trust Company, Tom L. Johnson's bank which liquidated.

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Norton was enthusiastically greeted Thursday night when he told an audience in the old Methodist church, Archwood ave. and W. 25th st., that the Baker administration has been guilty of abuse of the parole law in the conduct of the Warrensville correction farm. He asserted that if he is elected it will not be possible for blind men to escape from the institution. He also spoke at Nottingham town hall, E. 185th st. and Nottingham rd., and at W. 25th st. and Broadview rd.

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William Jennings Bryan, who comes to Cleveland Saturday to address a dry mass meeting at Grays' armory, was assailed as a "down and outer" and a "national curiosity" Thursday night by Congressman Jacob E. Meeker of St. Louis, principal speaker at the wets' mass meeting at Grays' armory. The dry amendment would be defeated by 150,000, Meeker predicted.

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Hecklers were busy Thursday night in Lakewood when Bert F. Mills, one of the three mayoralty candidates, spoke in a tent at Detroit and Rosewood aves. Mills attacked the proposed extension of the Madison ave. car line, characterizing it as a real estate deal which the car riders on the Detroit ave. and Clifton blvd. lines would have to pay for. William F. Eirick, former county commissioner, spoke against the extension.

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Mayor Minshall of East Cleveland, candidate for re-election, continued to defend his administration and point why he should be continued in office Thursday night at a tent meeting at Lockwood and Superior aves. Frank Carpenter, United Party candidate speaking in a hall at Hayden and Shaw aves., continued his attacks on Minshall.

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Norton will be the first of the candidates to close his campaign and Salen the last. Norton winds up Friday night in Grays' armory and Witt and Davis Saturday night, except for a few organization meetings. Salen's tent will be out until Monday night when he will end his campaign on the Wes Side.

AVIS CHIDES MEN AS PAID HECKLERS

Tells Them to Scatter in Crowd and Not to 'Stay in Bunch.'

Says Liquor Selling in Sunday Clubs is Not an Issue.

A half dozen hecklers, bunched near the speakers' platform and two or three scattered through the audience, fired questions at Harry L. Davis last night while he was speaking at a tent meeting at E. 83d-st and Crawford-rd N. E.

Their questions bore on Mr. Davis' administration of the city treasurer's office when he held that position, on his attitude on Sunday liquor selling in clubs, and on the amount of money he spent for automobile repair bills while he was in office.

At three of his meetings he branded Peter Witt a coward, declaring that after the debate in the Grays armory Saturday night Mr. Witt, when he got "with his gang," had called names and made statements that he would not make in the debate when both candidates were face to face.

One of the questioners at the tent meeting arose with this question:

"Mr. Davis, if you are elected mayor will you allow the clubs to sell liquor on Sunday?"

"I don't consider tha t question an issue in this campaign. As mayor I will enforce the law," replied Mr. Davis.

"What departments would you cut if you are elected?" cried another questioner from the back of the tent.

"I would cut expenses in all of them. I would not have two men doing one man's job and I would not have a boss for every three men employed by the city," shouted Mr. Davis.

Mr. Davis' voice was in poor condition last night and he made the trip to his meetings accompanied by a throat specialist. He began his tour with a meeting at the Johnson house, W. 25th-st and Broadview-av S. W. Then he went to the Majestic club, W. 25th-st. He spoke very briefly at these meetings. He also spoke briefly at a meeting of the ice men's union, 310 Prospect-av S. E.

The tent meeting on the East Side was the next stop and here he was met by the hecklers.

"I'll give you a tip, boys; if you want to be good hecklers don't stay in a bunch, scatter out through the crowd," he told them.

When cries of "Throw them out" were heard as some of the questions were put, Mr. Davis said:

"I am glad to answer these questions. I don't blame the boys. They were sent here and they need the money."

The last Davis meeting was in Douse hall, Douse-av S. E., near E. 48th-st, in Mr. Davis' home section. He told the voters that the fact that he has been successful in his private business is the best guarantee that he would serve them well as mayor.

POLITICS HITS POSTOFFICE.

Political literature is swamping the postoffice. In October, 1914, receipts of the Cleveland postoffice were $303,151.95. For twenty-seven days of October, 1915, receipts already amount to $284,691.24.

HECKLERS FIRE HOT SHOTS IN MEETING, DESPITE PLEADING

Charlie Salen, at his tent meeting Thursday night, Broadway and Forman-av, was staging his stereoptican views when a large hole in the ground was flashed upon the screen.

"Do you know what that is?" he demanded of the audience.

"Sure," replied a heckler. "It's your political grave."

A roar went up from the crowd.

Charlie was badly bothered by hecklers.

"Last night there was an organized effort to 'heckle' me," said Charlie. "I was interrupted by men who asked me 100 questions. But I answered them.

"I don't vant to be interrupted while I'm speaking," he continued. He then gave a synopsis of his attack on Burr Gongwer and the county liquor license board.

"Gongwer's the same man The Press exposed two years ago for using the board of election's auto to transport his household goods from his city to his summer home," he said.

"Gongwer and the liquor board are influencing saloonkeepers to buy autos from a local company that gave Gongwer his auto after The Press had exposed him."

Says Conon's Shy on Taxes.

Salen charged the Cleveland Railway Co. had not paid its taxes for two years.

"This is on the advice of Pete Witt," he said. "The small property owner, however, is forced to pay his taxe promptly."

"The Pres has dubbed me a sport and gmester. I've been told I'm a petty good sport. A 'sport,' you know, is never a 'dead one,' but a 'live wire.'"

Salen then made an attack on Witt's connecion with the steamer Eastland.

"The city couldn't pay any attention to the demand of Dr. A. C. Poe of this city to investigate gambling on the Eastland," Salen said.

"Dr. Poe took it up with the government and an arrest was made. I charge that Pete Witt received $8000 for a slot machine concession on that boat."

Salen then recounted his story of the Prospect-av rooming house Witt's company once owned.

"Witt pretended he didn't know it was an immoral place," said Salen. "He asked detective Sadler about it. Do you know what Sadler told Witt? Well, Sadler said this:

"'Why, you fool, it's been a

GUS HANNA JOINS "DOOR FIXER" CLUB; HEARS MAYOR BEE

Street Cleaning Superintendent Gus Hanna announced his candidacy for mayor Saturday, effective so soon as Tractioner Witt completes two terms.

Here's why:

Hanna has been accused of using city laborers to hang doors at his home. Therefrom sprang the recollection that Burr Gongwer, when election board clerk jumped to the $8,000 job of collector of customs immediately after being accused of using a board of election's car to haul doors to his Beachland home.

"I'm a city issue now," Hanna declared Saturday. "Further, I'm vice president of the International Amalgamated Association of Street Cleaning Superintendents and Refuse Collection Officials of United States and Canada. That gives me additional prestige."

CAMPAIGN SIDELIGHTS

Notices were sent out last night to members of the City club announcing that election returns would be received in the club rooms at 244 Superior-av N. E. Tuesday evening, Nov. 2. A direct wire will lead into the club rooms and the returns, as rapidly as they come in, will be flashed on a large screen.

Tables are being prepared so that as the returns are received comparisons can be made with the returns from the same wards and precincts two years ago.

The announcement states that "pipes, lunch and music" and a "quiet, comfortable time" will be the order of the evening. The rooms will be open until 11:30 p. m.

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Activities in behalf of the railway projects to be voted on by Cleveland electors Tuesday are increasing as the time for balloting draws nearer.

Mayor Newton D. Baker yesterday noon at Hotel Statler explained to Rotary club members the Cleveland & Youngstown freight terminal and Barber subway franchises and the new union depot ordinance. His explanations were illustrated with stereopticon views. C. F. Laughlin presided.

Attorney John L. Cannon explained the Cleveland & Youngstown terminal project and the possibilities of Broadway rapid transit to members of the South End Chamber of Enterprise at the clubhouse, 8947 Broadway S. E., last night. Members of the Thirteenth Ward Improvement association last night at 3364 E. 49th-st, indorsed the C. & Y. project.

William Wisner White, Cleveland, Akron & Canton Terminal railway director, will address the Cleveland Colored Men's club at its meeting on Central-av S. E. tonight on the Barber subway project.

A straw vote taken in the Leader-News building, it was stated yesterday, showed the Barber project carrying by a heavy vote.

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The Majestic Republican club, meeting last night at 1873 W. 25th-st, reversed a decision announced earlier in the campaign to the effect the club would support Minor G. Norton for mayor, and last evening indorsed Harry L. Davis.

Members stated the Norton action was taken by a few and that no record of such an indorsement was on the books.

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L. I. Litzler, candidate for council in Ward 4, yesterday was sending out to voters of the ward, as a finale to his campaign, letters inclosing copies of the indorsement of the Civic league, and bearing the city council's resolution passed in 1913, thanking the city charter commission, of which Mr. Litzler was one, for its efforts.

Mr. Litzler refers to indorsement of himself by conspicuous citizens of the ward, and urges the voters to make full use of the preferential ballot.

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The Doan Republican club has indorsed Carl F. Wetzel for council in Ward 24, according to announcement yesterday. The indorsing resolution states Mr. Wetzel's "character, reputation and qualifications for this office have been thoroughly investigated and found to be such that we have no hesitancy in giving him our hearty support and indorsement."

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Harry L. Deibel, candidate for council in the fourth ward, will hold three open-air meetings this evening. At 7:30 he will be at W. 61st-st and Schott-av S. W.; at 8 at 2120 W. 59th-st and at 8:30 at 2100 W. 58th-st.

Peter Witt.

For a dozen years Peter Witt has been a leader of public thought in Cleveland. During this period of the city's greatest growth in population, resources and influence he has been on the firing line of progress. Witt has never been too busy with personal affairs to lend a hand for community betterment. At every juncture he has done a citizen's part.

This aspect of Peter Witt's career affords a striking contrast with that of every one of his opponents in the present campaign. Davis advocates public measures only when he sees an opportunity to coin his advocacy into votes. Salen never was a leader. Norton is the Rip Van Winkle of the campaign.

No one ever has reason to doubt where Witt stands on every public question. He makes his position plain and is willing to meet all comers to discuss the matter. A man of positive convictions, he has been found on the side of progress at every turn.

The campaign bids fair to close as it began, with the fight for mayor resting between Peter Witt and the field. Each of the other three aspirants proclaims that the contest is between him and Witt. Followers of each are training their heaviest artillery on Witt.

It is a compliment which the leading candidate doubtless appreciates. To be singled out by one's opponents as most worthy of their attack is a form of flattery whose sincerity cannot be questioned.

Peter Witt is the logical candidate for mayor at the present juncture. He has been in unconscious training for the office since Tom L. Johnson more than a dozen years ago picked him out from the ranks of his supporters to bear special responsibilities in the fight for popular rights in city and state.

Witt has grown in the stature of good citizenship under these experiences. His influence has increased under the fire of his backward-looking enemies. Many once ready to denounce him as an agitator are now among his firmest friends, recognizing the man's usefulness to Cleveland as a progressive citizen unafraid.

As the Plain Dealer said early in the campaign, Peter Witt is the candidate for mayor best fitted by experience and by the character of his public record to sit in the mayor's office in succession to Newton D. Baker. His election on Tuesday will mark the city's determination to preserve those liberties for which the people fought, and which they won against much the same forces of reaction that are now fighting to keep Witt out of the city hall.

Victory for Peter Witt will be heralded the country over as evidence that Cleveland has kept the faith.

DAVIS HAS MORE AUDITING PLEDGES

Says, if Elected, He'll Hold Department Heads to Very Strict Accounting.

Hecklers and Husky Voice Necessitate Program Change.

Mayoralty Candidate Harry L. Davis last night added a new provision to his promise of a continuous audit of city books if elected mayor.

"The heads of each department," said Mr. Davis at his tent meeting at Superior-av N. E. and E. 115th-st, "should be called in at the end of every month. If they haven't kept within one-twelfth of their year's appropriation in that month and wastefulness is the reason, they should be discharged. If they have done a good job and kept within their appropriations, they should be rewarded."

"Are you going to do that, Mr. Davis?" came from the rear of the tent.

"Yes," was the reply.

Then someone yelled "That's what Willis said."

Mr. Davis really didn't do any speech-making last night. When he got to his first tent, Denison-av S. W. and W. 25th-st, his voice was so husky that he talked two minutes and quit. Then he passed up twelve other meetings and went with his physician, Dr. D. R. Kline, to the other tent.

There he explained his vocal trouble and asked for questions.

A heckler asked him what he had done for 3-cent fare.

"I voted for the Tayler grant and Pete Witt didn't," he replied.

When the man asked "How about Gerry Dahl?" Mr. Davis' reply was: "You are simply repeating as a parrot would something that Witt has said in the past."

After cries of "hit 'em again, Harry, and that's educating them, Mr. Devis called on Dr. Kline to take the platform for him. The physician's delivery of parts of Mr. Davis' set campaign speech had the crowd roaring with laughter most of the time he was speaking.

"You ought to be an orator and not a doctor," they yelled.

WITT GIVES PLEDGE FOR CONSTRUCTIVE CITY OF CLEVELAND

Espouses Plank of Municipal Ownership of All Property That Requires Business Franchise.

Explains Proposals to Save Nearly $1,000,000 Spent in Paving of High-ways.

ASKS PUBLIC SUPPORT ON HIS RECORD ALONE

Salen, Norton and Davis Continue Fire on Administration Candidate.

PLAIN DEALER

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Declarations for a constructive Cleveland and a pledge to carry into the office of mayor a determination "that proud as we are, there shall be still more pride in those who call Cleveland home," were key-notes struck last night by Peter Witt, in presenting his program to the two largest crowds of his campaign.

Neither at Hough-av and Ansel-rd N. E., nor at Franklin-av N. W., and W. 58th-st could the tents half hold the crowds that flocked to hear him propose taxation reform, 3-cent light for all the city, one telephone service and "progress for Cleveland."

At both tents Mayor Newton D. Baker was a speaker, and the mayor last night took occasion to cry his scorn of "scandal monging." The mayor asserted he would discuss the public questions raised in this campaign, but would pay no heed to the "scandal monging, not because it is unanswerable, but because it is unmentionable."

Sets Dignified Example.

"The statement often is made," he told the East End crowd, "that Peter Witt has been rough in his speech. I'll leave it to you whether in this campaign he is not setting all the candidates an example in dignity."

His answer was a roar of applause.

Besides the administration candidate, three other candidates for mayor were waging their campaigns from the stump last night.

Harry L. Davis at E. 83d-st and Crawford-rd N. E. told hecklers it was not true his operation of the city treasurer's office cost more than any administration before or since. He again proposed to "cut expenses" in city departments if elected.

Miner G. Norton assailed the administration of the Warrensville parole board, calling it a "continuous miscarriage of justice worse than is known anywhere in the United States."

Charles P. Salen, at Forman-av and Broadway S. E., ended his third bitter attack on Street Railway Commissioner Witt amid an uproar of questioning. His speech included reference to the steamer Eastland.

Peter Witt at Hough-av and Ansel-rd said the assertion was made for Candidate Davis at the Electrical league's session yesterday noon that Mr. Davis "didn't believe in municipal ownership of electric lighting, but that municipal ownership of the water natural."

Brings Up New Ownership Idea.

"Thus we have a new thought born in this campaign, a distinction between natural and unnatural municipal ownership," he continued.

"I go all the way. I believe in municipal ownership of all properly that requires a franchise for itself to do business. First, because all the badness in American municipal government has come from private ownership of public utilities, and, secondly, because I believe all public service should be performed by the people themselves.

"I'm the only candidate standing for a constructive Cleveland. On the other side, if you'll pardon my repeating, we have the boy who can't learn, the old man who has passed, and there's hardly use in paying any attention to the sport."

Mr. Witt told his proposals to fight to save to the city $500,000 that annually goes to the county for paving county roads, $400,000 that goes to the state "to pave roads in counties you and I will never see," and $600,000 taken by the state from the liquor license revenue collected in Cleveland. He said "as mayor" he did not intend that Cleveland's progress should be checked nor that departments should be crippled, but that he would proceed in the conviction reformation of the tax laws would give the city the right to collect as much money as it needed.

He told his proposal for amending the city charter to have 20 per cent. of the cost of repaving levied against abutting property owners and the remaining 80 per cent. levied on the value of the land in the city at large, declaring "justice says the property most benefited must pay the most."

"Upon my record," he said, "I ask the votes of the people of Cleveland, and upon that alone. I've been on the right side of every public question the past thirty years, fighting the battles of the people of Cleveland as I saw them."

Mr. Witt sketched the time of his office holding, as head of Tom L. Johnson's tax school, as city clerk, and finally as street railway commissioner. He told of 684 cars purchased, extensions made, trailer operation introduced, power purchased, cross-town lines built, seating capacity increased 71 per cent., and declared he did not mind when strangers expressed aamzement that still the people "kicked."

"Only by kicking have you obtained what you have," he said. "I hope the time never will come when you will cease kicking, that if we get chair-cars and a porter to escort you to your seats, that still you'll kick."

"Upon that record," he cried, "I ask you to judge me. They've made it an issue. In three years and a half we've made it a railway system that challenges the admiration of the country.

"The record I made in that office I'm satisfied I'll duplicate in the office of mayor. I'm not a stranger to hard work; I like it. I promise you the same energy, the same determination, courage and thrift, and I'll make you a record of which no man or woman will be ashamed.

"I want to be mayor for the power it's got. I want to be mayor of this, the sixth city in the United States, for the power of the position. When I traveled through the country lecturing on "An Hour with Tom Johnson," those who heard it could not believe there was a city where the people were carrying out what were the dreams and hopes and aspirations of all the good people of this country. How proud I was wherever I went to say I was from Cleveland and see how they envied us.

"Tom Johnson taught us it was not only possible, but politically profitable, to conduct government without corruption. He saw the people were honest and demanded decency in public office. As a result, every man who believed in a graftless city, in progress instead of reaction, who wanted to change his base and strike out anew, came to Cleveland, and we pulled from all over the country every one who was good.

"I want to use the office of mayor and its power to change many unjust laws. I want to demand in the name of 700,000 people that unjust laws be repealed. The office means driving home the doctrine I believe in. I want this awakened civic consciousness to grow, this something which will make us as good collectively as we are in our individual states.

"I want the office to carry this city forward; that, proud as we are, there shall be still more pride in those who call Cleveland home!"

On the West Side, when he said he asked the votes of the people "upon my record as a private citizen and as a public official," a voice yelled, "You will get 'em!" and the crowd thundered applause. At this meeting, referring to "the other side," Mr. Witt asserted,: "Anyone can stand on the sidewalk and throw bricks as the train goes by, but it takes work to get in the cab and make the engine go."

Not since the fight started have there been such crowds at Witt meetings. There was not a heckler in either. The West Side tent not only was jammed, but surrounded, the side canvas being removed that an audience ten deep could stand outside and yet be within hearing. The East Side meeting was in Ward 20, strongly Republican, and the West Side in Ward 3, where Charles P. Salen claims strength. Witt supporters were jubilant in claiming definite significance in the reception the administration candidate received at both.

Mayor Baker, at the East Side meeting, said: "Set the candidates up one by one, Norton, Davis, Salen. Compare their merits, their history, the things they have done, with Peter Witt's life record. Compare them and you cannot help electing Peter Witt."

At both meetings the mayor defended the policy followed by the city in constructing the Baldwin reservoir in Cleveland Heights, declaring there had been a saving of $750,000 in selecting the present site instead of the quarry hole suggested by Candidate Salen.

NORTON'S CHEERED AS HIS FIGHT ENDS

Candidate Cries Rip Van Winkle Came Back and 'So Will I.'

Renews Attack on Witt's Policy of Managing Car System.

"The Plain Dealer called me the Rip Van Winkle of this campaign. Good! I accept the criticism. Rip Van Winkle came back. And so am I coming back."

This is what Miner G. Norton, candidate for mayor, told a big crowd in the Grays armory last night at the formal closing of his campaign. The crowd cheered.

Mr. Norton reviewed his utterances of the campaign, criticizing the administration of Peter Witt as street railway commissioner, scoring the Democratic administration for waste he said, and extravagance and holding up the administration of the Warrensville parole board as a "burlesque of justice."

Reiterating his former statement that the value of the Cleveland Railway Co. has been almost doubled by sixty-eight miles of extensions added under Mr. Witt, Mr. Norton charged the railroad has been operated in the interests of the stockholders instead of the car riders. Witt's sixty-eight miles, he declared, cost as much as the company's original 277 miles.

Declaring the city is running behind $400,000 annually in its operating expenses, the candidate said it is time to call a halt. He dwelt on the per capita debt of the city and the per capita interest charges which he said were $77 and $2 respectively and stated the water fund, "heretofore sacred and independent," is now "bankrupt."

Taking up the Warrensville workhouse, Mr. Norton declared he favored paroles but declared the system is being abused. The short time which criminals are forced to serve because they are so soon paroled, he said, is not encouraging the police and is discouraging the courts and breeding a contempt for justice.

Mr. Norton quoted County Prosecutor Cyrus Locher to prove this. Nine-tenths of those sent to the workhouse, Mr. Norton said, are between 19 and 21 years of age "who need to be made to feel a respect for the law which is not being forced into them."

Mr. Norton was preceded on the platform by his entire battery of campaign orators. S. S. Ford presided. Although it was nearly 10 before Mr. Norton was given the floor the audience waited and welcomed him enthusiastically. There was no heckling.

Coughlin Sees Money Peril From Davis Men

Finance Director Thomas Coughlin yesterday pointed out possible situations which might prove embarrassing for Cleveland's new administration should Harry L. Davis be elected mayor and carry into office with him councilmanic candidates supporting Mr. Davis.

Should these Davis adherents be elected with Mr. Davis, Mr. Coughlin pointed out, either the councilmen would find it impossible to keep their promises to their constituencies or the mayor could not redeem his promises to reduce expenditures of the city government.

Among councilmanic candidates, asking electors to vote for them and Mr. Davis, Mr. Coughlin says, are men who are making broad pledges to the people of their wards for better streets, better street lighting, extensions of many streets and opening of dead ends, fire stations, bath houses, shelter houses, grade crossing elimination, improved fire and police protection, comfort stations, stadiums, playgrounds and new sewers.

The total cost of these promised improvements would run into many millions, and would necessitate many bond issues, Mr. Coughlin says. One councilmanic candidate, a Davis leader, has promised to introduce an ordinance calling for a minmum wage of $3 a day. Figures show such an ordinance would mean increased expenditures of $400,000 a year for labor.

"The cost of a bath house," said Director Coughlin, "is $50,000 or $60,000 scarcely be opened for less than $50,000.

New fire stations cost $50,000. The annual cost to operate one would average $9,000. With all these improvements promised by Davis leaders in the wards, it would be impossible to reduce the city's indebtedness or save the city any money."

SIFTS ELECTION ISSUES

C. of C. Journal Recommends or Condemns Proposals.

In the November issue of the Public Square, the official journal of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce, the attitude of the chamber directors on the sixteen propositions to be voted upon next Tuesday is made known. The directors approved the following propositions:

Barber subway franchise ordinance, union station and lake front ordinance, exemption of public bonds from taxation, Cleveland & Youngstown railway terminal ordinance, $100,000 bond issue for public comfort stations, $300,000 bond issue for extension of Carnegie-av S. E., $1,600,000 grade crossing elimination bond issue, ordinance to promote the annexation of territory adjacent to Cleveland, $2,000,000 sewage disposal plants and intercepting sewer bond issue of $1,000,000 public school bond issue and additional 1 mill tax levy for schools.

The following propositions were not approved:

Proposal to issue $1,500,000 to fund short time notes issued to meet operating deficits of the city government, county officials' terms extension measure, McDermott liquor licence measure, purchase and operation of the Cleveland Railway Co. by the city and proposed minimum wage amendment to the city charter.

The directors took no action on the Sprague gerrymander proposal.

SALEN ASKS RIVALS TO SUE FOR LIBEL

Says He'd be Tickled if Gus Hanna Would Have Grand Jury Indict Him.

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Charges City Ownership Got Death Blow From Administration.

Mayoralty Candidate Charles P. Salen last night invited court action against him if the truth of any of the statements he had made in his tents this week was challenged.

"If Gus Hanna, for instance, would only have me brought before the grand jury and indicted for libel it would tickle me to death, as then I could have him and his books brought before the grand jury and prove something to the displeasure of Mr. Hanna."

Again, when repeating his statements that Mr. Hanna was connected with a manufacturing company and using city time for his personal financial benefit, a heckler asked: "Can you prove it?"

"If I can't," responded Mr. Salen, "let him go to court and sue."

Mr. Salen spoke to another large crowd in his three-pole tent pitched at Superior-av N. E. and E. 86th-st.

Charging extravagance by the city administration, Mr. Salen read his remarks on the leveling of Fairview park and the contract work for the new filtration plant. It was Mr. Salen's contention that in the leveling of Fairview park the city had paid a rental of $16,000 for apparatus which was worth $1,900, and that the city paid for repairs on this apparatus. Oil, gasoline, greases and other necessities were supplied by the city, he said, and "employes helped themselves to supplies at their own free will for their private use, and brasses and lead pipe were stolen by the wagon load. A searching inquiry would undoubtedly result in the recovery of a large sum of money to the city or the punishment of men who were responsible for it."

"I am thoroughly convinced," he said, "that the total cost was over $100,000—that the loss to the city amounted to $60,000."

The candidate also said the cost of the new tunnel being built by the city will be much more than was expected.

"A total of 16,120 feet is to be built," he said, indicating that the total cost of the tunnel would be over $2,000,000 or $1,000,000 more than the Reaugh Construction Co. offered to do the work for.

"Direct labor is all right," said Mr. Salen, "but to get efficiency the city must conduct its work as does a private contractor."

He said he was responsible for the first successful attempt of the city in having direct labor, saying $200 was saved in painting the cornices of the city hall in 1901, under his direction.

"If I am elected mayor I shall try to work out direct labor on a broad plan," he said.

Mr. Salen's voice troubled him through most of the meeting. When he started his remarks he warned against interruptions, saying:

"If you have any legitimate questions to ask, I'll be glad to answer them when I get through. I have been speaking to the largest audiences at political meetings since Tom L. Johnson was campaigning. For the last three nights deliberate attempts have been made to interrupt my meetings.

"When we go into office and have an accounting I'll warrant we'll find the debt in operating expenses will exceed $2,000,000.

"I have always favored the principle of municipal ownership but the

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WITT DECIDES AT 11TH HOUR TO KEEP ON TALKING

Workers for the four leading candidates for Mayor were busy Saturday putting the finishing touches on their organization work to insure the full strength of each candidate being voted.

The campaign for votes, called in every quarter the most bitter in years, is almost over. Miner G. Norton ended his big meetings Friday night. Saturday he addressed a few ward organizations. Tractioner Witt was scheduled to end Saturday night but Saturday noon he decided to continue his campaign Sunday and Monday. Charles P. Salen and Harry L. Davis will carry their tent meetings right through to Monday night while Salen also will hold a big mass meeting Sunday afternoon in Acme hall.

Saturday Davis was under a physician's care for his voice, which gave out Friday night. Every effort will be made to have him in condition to speak at the meetings scheduled for Saturday and Monday.

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Betting odds, posted Saturday in Tim Raleigh's, showed a dropping off in the money support heretofore given Tractioner Witt and reflected a heavy gain in strength for Charles P. Salen. The best money offered on Witt was $100 to $50 that he will be next mayor. Odds that ran almost 3 to 1 on Witt prevailed earlier in the campaign and only this week 10 to 6 was offered.

Up to Saturday Salen had never been credited by bettors with more than 8,000 first choice votes and early in the campaign money was posted he would not receive 8,000. Saturday fifty dollars even was offered that he would receive 10,000 and another fifty dollars at even money was posted that his vote would not run 14,000 first choices. Another Salen bet posted was fifty dollars even that he would get more second choice votes than Witt.

Bettors evidently don't take seriously the statement of Witt that he will receive 50,000 first choice votes. Fifty dollars was posted even Saturday that he won't poll 42,000 first choices.

Norton talked to a crowd of 1,500 persons at Grays' armory Friday night when he formaly closed his speaking campaign. He was greeted enthusiastically throughout.

"They have called me the Rip Van Winkle of this campaign," he said. "I am. Like Rip, I left the city hall, and like Rip I'm coming back," Norton said. "Rip found changes and no doubt I will. When I left the city hall there was plenty of money in the treasury and many improvements begun. When I come back I will find the treasury empty and the improvements still uncompleted.

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STUDY MY RECORD; I STAND ON THAT

—PETER WITT.

Commissioner Makes Final Appeal: 'I've Always Been on the Right Side.'

Tells Record Throng He Would Work for Cleveland's Good.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

With a pledge to carry into the office of mayor the same courage of his convictions, the same absence of fear in taking advance ground that he claims for his career in the past, Peter Witt last night rested his case with the people of Cleveland.

"On the record I've made as street railway commissioner, on the record of my public career, I ask the voters to pass judgment on me Tuesday, and I'll abide by the result," he told an assemblage of men and women, the largest of the campaign, that not only packed the three-poled Democratic tent, but overflowed it ten deep outside in the lot at Superior-av N. E. and E. 86th-st.

"I have been on the right side of every public question for thirty years. I have never been afraid to state my position. I have always taken advance ground. I've never done a thing that made me ashamed of Peter Witt!"

Long applause was the response.

Baker Makes Last Plea.

Newton D. Baker, near the end of two terms as mayor, making his last political speech under the canvas tops before the selection of his successor, asked voters of the city to place their confidence in Peter Witt, to trust him to carry forward in the future the fight that has made Cleveland great in the past.

Miner G. Norton's campaign having ended Friday night, Harry L. Davis and Charles P. Salen were the two anti-administration mayoralty candidates on the stump last night.

Mr. Davis spoke at the meeting. He charged Mr. Witt with having steadfastly refused to answer questions asked by the Republican in debate.

Candidate Salen, attacking the administration of the street railway commissioner's office by Mr. Witt, prefaced his statements with the declaration he intended to file suit for libel tomorrow against the Cleveland Press.

Candidate Witt, in the Superior-av tent, told the crowd it was the closing of the campaign that all contenders had had their say and the people had had opportunity to make up their minds.

"Of course, the Republicans have a better chance of selection than the Democrats," he said. "If you're a Democrat there's just Pete Witt. But the Republicans have three—the boy, the old man and the sport." There was loud laughter.

Mr. Witt told the story of his commissionership as he has been telling it nightly in the tent.

"I haven't made one move that had to do with partisan politics," he cried. "And the only criticism they make against me is that I have been too friendly with John Stanley.

"The Tayler grant was a partnership formed between the city and the railway company. When the time ever comes that a street railway commissioner and a company president cannot agree, the Tayler plan will fall. When they charge me with being friendly with John, they forget that for years they were friendly with the company when the company was fighting the people."

The commissioner declared he wanted the job of mayor "for the big fight yet to come, that will make the battles of the past seem mere skirmishes, the taxation fight."

The candidate asserted for every $1 paid by Clevelanders for Cleveland taxes they pay $1.50 that goes to the state. He told his proposals to save to the city $500,000 that annually goes to pave county roads, $400,000 that goes to the state for state roads, and $600,000 of liquor license revenue taken from Cleveland annually by the state.

He said he wanted the power of 700,000 people behind him to go to Columbus and fight before the state legislature for remedy of these laws.

Before the tent meeting, Mr. Witt spoke at the Johnson house, Broadview-rd S. W. and W. 25th-st, where he told of his proposal to extend 3-cent light to all the city, and again urged that the fight of the future "is reformation of the tax laws, so that, instead of taxing energy and thrift, we will appropriate the unearned increment on land."

Mayor Baker in the Superior-av tent reviewed the events of the past four years during which he has directed the affairs of the city government, scored Candidate Salen and urged that support be given Candidate Witt.

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"If Gus Hanna, for instance, would only have me brought before the grand jury and indicted for libel it would tickle me to death, as then I could have him and his books brought before the grand jury and prove something to the displeasure of Mr. Hanna."

Again, when repeating his statements that Mr. Hanna was connected with a manufacturing company and using city time for his personal financial benefit, a heckler asked: "Can you prove it?"

"If I can't," responded Mr. Salen, "let him go to court and sue."

Mr. Salen spoke to another large crowd in his three-pole tent pitched at Superior-av N. E. and E. 86th-st.

Charging extravagance by the city administration, Mr. Salen read his remarks on the leveling of Fairview park and the contract work for the new filtration plant. It was Mr. Salen's contention that in the leveling of Fairview park the city had paid a rental of $16,000 for apparatus which was worth $1,900, and that the city paid for repairs on this apparatus. Oil, gasoline, greases and other necessities were supplied by the city, he said, and "employes helped themselves to supplies at their own free will for their private use, and brasses and lead pipe were stolen by the wagon load. A searching inquiry would undoubtedly result in the recovery of a large sum of money to the city or the punishment of men who were responsible for it."

"I am thoroughly convinced," he said, "that the total cost was over $100,000—that the loss to the city amounted to $60,000."

The candidate also said the cost of the new tunnel being built by the city will be much more than was expected.

"A total of 16,120 feet is to be built," he said, indicating that the total cost of the tunnel would be over $2,000,000 or $1,000,000 more than the Reaugh Construction Co. offered to do the work for.

"Direct labor is all right," said Mr. Salen, "but to get efficiency the city must conduct its work as does a private contractor."

He said he was responsible for the first successful attempt of the city in having direct labor, saying $200 was saved in painting the cornices of the city hall in 1901, under his direction.

"If I am elected mayor I shall try to work out direct labor on a broad plan," he said.

Mr. Salen's voice troubled him through most of the meeting. When he started his remarks he warned against interruptions, saying:

"If you have any legitimate questions to ask, I'll be glad to answer them when I get through. I have been speaking to the largest audiences at political meetings since Tom L. Johnson was campaigning. For the last three nights deliberate attempts have been made to interrupt my meetings.

"When we go into office and have an accounting I'll warrant we'll find the debt in operating expenses will exceed $2,000,000.

"I have always favored the principle of municipal ownership but the worst blow municipal ownership ever got was in this city where an attempt was made to go into competition with private business.

"A city owned lighting plant will never be a success until it can give as low a rate as the existing company."

When Mr. Salen showed a picture of the first Sunday amateur baseball game in Cleveland some one in the crowd asked:

"What are you going to charge to get into the city hall when you are elected, Charlie?"

At the conclusion of his remarks Mr. Salen charged an attempt had been made in the evening to cut the electric wire leading to the stereopticon machine. He said an extra policeman had been called to watch the cable.

WITT DECIDES AT 11TH HOUR TO KEEP ON TALKING

Workers for the four leading candidates for Mayor were busy Saturday putting the finishing touches on their organization work to insure the full strength of each candidate being voted.

The campaign for votes, called in every quarter the most bitter in years, is almost over. Miner G. Norton ended his big meetings Friday night. Saturday he addressed a few ward organizations. Tractioner Witt was scheduled to end Saturday night but Saturday noon he decided to continue his campaign Sunday and Monday. Charles P. Salen and Harry L. Davis will carry their tent meetings right through to Monday night while Salen also will hold a big mass meeting Sunday afternoon in Acme hall.

Saturday Davis was under a physician's care for his voice which gave out Friday night. Every effort will be made to have him in condition to speak at the meetings scheduled for Saturday and Monday.

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Betting odds, posted Saturday in Tim Raleigh's, showed a dropping off in the money support heretofore given Tractioner Witt and reflected a heavy gain in strength for Charles P. Salen. The best money offered on Witt was $100 to $50 that he will be next mayor. Odds that ran almost 3 to 1 on Witt prevailed earlier in the campaign and only this week 10 to 6 was offered.

Up to Saturday Salen had never been credited by bettors with more than 8,000 first choice votes and early in the campaign money was posted he would not receive 8,000. Saturday fifty dollars even was offered that he would receive 10,000 and another fifty dollars at even money was posted that his vote would not run 14,000 first choices. Another Salen bet posted was fifty dollars even that he would get more second choice votes than Witt.

Bettors evidently don't take seriously the statement of Witt that he will receive 50,000 first choice votes. Fifty dollars was posted even Saturday that he won't poll 42,000 first choices.

Norton talked to a crowd of 1,500 persons at Grays' armory Friday night when he formaly closed his speaking campaign. He was greeted enthusiastically throughout.

"They have called me the Rip Van Winkle of this campaign," he said. "I am. Like Rip, I left the city hall, and like Rip I'm coming back," Norton said. "Rip found changes and no doubt I will. When I left the city hall there was plenty of money in the treasury and many improvements begun. When I come back I will find the treasury empty and the improvements still uncompleted.

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Commissioner Makes Final Appeal: 'I've Always Been on the Right Side.'

Tells Record Throng He Would Work for Cleveland's Good.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

With a pledge to carry into the office of mayor the same courage of his convictions, the same absence of fear in taking advance ground that he claims for his career in the past, Peter Witt last night rested his case with the people of Cleveland.

"On the record I've made as street railway commissioner, on the record of my public career, I ask the voters to pass judgment on me Tuesday, and I'll abide by the result," he told an assemblage of men and women, the largest of the campaign, that not only packed the three-poled Democratic tent, but overflowed it ten deep outside in the lot at Superior-av N. E. and E. 86th-st.

"I have been on the right side of every public question for thirty years. I have never been afraid to state my position. I have always taken advance ground. I've never done a thing that made me ashamed of Peter Witt!"

Long applause was the response.

Baker Makes Last Plea.

Newton D. Baker, near the end of two terms as mayor, making his last political speech under the canvas top before the selection of his successor, asked voters of the city to place their confidence in Peter Witt, to trust him to carry forward in the future the fight that has made Cleveland great in the past.

Miner G. Norton's campaign having ended Friday night, Harry L. Davis and Charles P. Salen were the two anti-administration mayoralty candidates on the stump last night.

Mr. Davis spoke at the meeting. He charged Mr. Witt with having steadfastly refused to answer questions asked by the Republican in debate.

Candidate Salen, attacking the administration of the street railway commissioner's office by Mr. Witt, prefaced his statements with the declaration he intended to file suit for libel tomorrow against the Cleveland Press.

Candidate Witt, in the Superior-av tent, told the crowd it was the closing of the campaign that all contenders had had their say and the people had had opportunity to make up their minds.

"Of course, the Republicans have a better chance of selection than the Democrats," he said. "If you're a Democrat there's just Pete Witt. But the Republicans have three—the boy, the old man and the sport." There was loud laughter.

Mr. Witt told the story of his commissionership as he has been telling it nightly in the tent.

"I haven't made one move that had to do with partisan politics," he cried. "And the only criticism they make against me is that I have been too friendly with John Stanley.

"The Tayler grant was a partnership formed between the city and the railway company. When the time ever comes that a street railway commissioner and a company president cannot agree, the Tayler plan will fall. When they charge me with being friendly with John, they forget that for years they were friendly with the company when the company was fighting the people."

The commissioner declared he wanted the job of mayor "for the big fight yet to come, that will make the battles of the past seem mere skirmishes, the taxation fight."

The candidate asserted for every $1 paid by Clevelanders for Cleveland taxes they pay $1.50 that goes to the state. He told his proposals to save to the city $500,000 that annually goes to pave county roads, $400,000 that goes to the state for state roads, and $600,000 of liquor license revenue taken from Cleveland annually by the state.

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Schwartz was unable to trace the negro who said he wanted to get rid of the house so he could use the lot. It was city hall's fault, Salen declared in his tent meeting Tuesday night, that such carelessness in issuing the permit will result in loss for the brewery or the wreckers.



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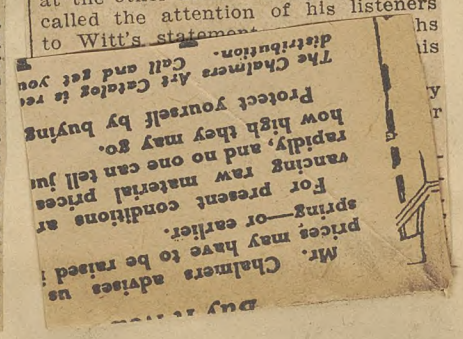
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He challenged Peter Witt's statement at the beginning of the campaign that he was "willing to discuss the street railway question if the other mayoralty candidates saw fit to make it an issue." He charged that Witt himself had brought the street railway question into the campaign, and declared that he, too, was willing to discuss it.

"Witt claims credit for building sixty-eight miles of lines and purchasing many new cars. What did he expect to do as street railway commissioner? That was what he was paid to do," said Mr. Davis. There were no hecklers in the tent, but Davis was interrupted several times by encouraging remarks from the crowd.

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SAMPLE BALLOTS AND HOW TO VOTE THEM NEXT TUESDAY

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Preferential System of Voting Gives Wider Latitude to Voters.

'PLUNKING' IS BID FOR FIRST CHOICE BALLOTS

What Other Cities Have Accomplished With New Plan.

EDITOR'S NOTE—The following article has been prepared at the request of the Plain Dealer by Mayo Fesler, secretary of the Civic league, who was secretary of the charter commission, and one of the advocates of the preferential ballot.

BY MAYO FESLER.

Cleveland has used the preferential ballot only once. In that election there were only two candidates for the mayoralty—Newton D. Baker and Harry L. Davis—who commanded general public attention. Mr. Robb, the Socialist candidate, did not poll a large enough vote to be considered much of a factor in the election.

With only two candidates on the ticket, the preferential ballot was not given a fair test. There was little opportunity to exercise second and other choices. But even as it was, 27 per cent. of the voters expressed second and other choices for mayoralty candidates.

In wards where there were six candidates for the council, second and other choice votes for councilmen amounted from 40 to 47 per cent. of the total. In one ward where there were nine candidates, the second and other choice votes amounted to 56 per cent. of the total.

If the experience of other cities is duplicated in Cleveland, the second election will increase considerably the percentage of second and other choice votes. Two years ago the preferential ballot was entirely new, and many voters did not avail themselves of the opportunity of voting other than their first choices.

Moreover, this year there will be six mayoralty candidates to reckon with instead of two; and Mr. Ruthenberg, the Socialist, it is generally believed, will poll a much heavier vote this year than was cast two years ago for Mr. Robb. An increase in the number of candidates always increases the [illegible] and other votes.

Many Second Choices.

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The actual results in a few of the cities where the preferential ballot is in use furnish interesting facts for comparison.

The city of Spokane, with a population of 104,402, held its second election with the preferential ballot in November, 1913. Two commissioners were to be elected. Twelve candidates appeared on the ballot for the two places. The actual vote was as follows:

FOR CITY COMMISSIONERS.

(Two to be Elected.)

City Commissioners	First Choice	Second Choice	Other Choices	Total
R. E. Bigelow....	2,014	2,653	507	5,174
J. R. Cashatt....	240	584	349	1,173
David C. Coates..	7,079	930	159	8,168
Geo. E. Denham.	128	416	323	867
Chas. A. Fleming.	4,601	4,204	309	9,114
Leonard Funk ...	5,242	2,796	346	8,384
Thos. D. Gamble.	813	1,733	631	3,177
David Gorman ..	1,156	1,463	472	3,091
Z. E. Haden.....	4,526	2,009	290	6,825
R. B. Martin.....	2,603	960	316	3,879
F. K. McBroom..	7,692	1,755	234	9,581
St. Claer Smith..	460	804	514	1,778
Totals	36,454	20,301	4,450	61,211

How Vote is Counted.

The total number of first choice votes cast for the twelve candidates was 36,454. In order to be elected on first choice votes a candidate must have received 18,228. The highest first choice vote for any candidate was 7,592. This was not a majority, so no one was elected on first choice votes.

After adding second choice votes to the first choice no candidate was elected. Even when other choices were added, no candidate had a clear majority, so that the election was determined by a plurality of all choices. The result was the election of Charles A. Fleming and F. K. McBroom.

It will be noted by the table that Mr. Fleming stood fourth in first choice votes, but enough persons believed in him to give him the largest second choice vote which, in the final count, elected him.

David C. Coates was a candidate for re-election. He was said to be one of the aggressive, positive type of city officials. He had warm friends and bitter enemies. So his friends "plunked" for him, that is voted only one choice. If first choices had determined he would have been re-elected, but with the addition of second and other choices, he lost.

In the first election in Spokane under the preferential system in March, 1911, there were ninety-five candidates for the five positions. At that time only 35 per cent. of the voters cast second choice votes. In the November election of 1913, although there were only twelve candidates for the two positions, 54 per cent. of the voters cast second choice votes showing a marked increase in the number of voters who availed themselves of other choices.

Duluth, with a population of 78,466, has also held two elections with the preferential ballot. The last one was in November, 1913, when a mayor and two commissioners were chosen. The votes for mayor were:

Mayor	First Choice	Second Choice	Other Choices	Total
Marcus B. Cullum	856	612	960	2,428
David H. Day...	464	780	1,270	2,514
P. E. Dowling....	1,029	481	658	2,168
Marcus L. Fay...	1,582	682	803	3,067
Wm. B. Getchell.	517	919	1,049	2,485
Morris Kaplan ...	1,286	238	241	1,765
Wm. E. McEwen.	1,851	806	969	3,128
Henry Nesbit ...	178	209	561	943
W. I. Prince.....	1,646	947	939	3,432
B. Silberstein....	1,356	921	831	3,108
Totals	10,160	6,595	8,281	25,036

There were 10,160 first-choice votes cast. In order to be elected by first-choice votes, a candidate must have received 5,081 votes. The highest number of first-choice votes, 1,582, was cast for Marcus L. Fay, which was far short of a majority. Not even by the addition of second and other choices was a majority given to any candidate.

The addition of all the choices, however, gave W. I. Prince a plurality of votes, although he stood second in first-choice votes. Mr. Prince was the choice by a larger number of voters than was Mr. Fay.

In fact, in the final count, Mr. Fay took fourth place. In this election 65 per cent. cast second-choice votes and 82 per cent. cast other-choice votes.

Adopts New Charter.

Portland, Ore., a city of 207,214 population, adopted a new charter about April, 1913, which included the preferential ballot with first, second and third choices. It provided for the election of a mayor, an auditor and four commissioners. For the four commissionerships there were eighty-

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Civic League's Indorsements of Candidates

Municipal Court.

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JUDGES—SIX-YEAR TERM—George P. Baer, Maurice Bernstein, Samuel E. Kramer.
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Virginia D. Green, F. W. Steffen, Mark L. Thomsen.

Council and Assessor.

WARD 1—Council—First choice, Alva R. Dittrick; second choice, Liston G. Schooley; other choice, none.
Assessor—John R. Olderman.

WARD 2—Council—First choice, Robert J. Koch or Raymond F. Body; second choice, either of above; other choice, none.
Assessor—William H. Brady.

WARD 3—Council—First choice, Samuel B. Mitchell; second choice, none; other choice, none.
Assessor—Wilbert D. Gray.

WARD 4—Council—First choice, Louis I. Litzler; second choice, Jacob Dahler; other choice, Harry Deibel.
Assessor—Julius J. Bergholz or Edward J. Langman.

WARD 5—Council—First choice, William J. Delaney; second choice, John P. Becker; other choice, P. V. Kalina.
Assessor—Frank P. Trneny or Louis Zepp.

WARD 6—Council—First choice, Clayton C. Townes; second choice, William H. Hill or E. C. Osterland; other choice, either of above.
Assessor—Miles E. Evans.

WARD 7—Council—First choice, Jerry R. Zmunt; second choice, James J. Hogan; other choice, Jacob Schwartz.
Assessor—F. J. Hirschert.

WARD 8—Council—First choice, William J. Hart; second choice, W. J. Horrigan; other choice, C. C. Londraville.
Assessor—Edward F. Hewitt.

WARD 9—Council—First choice, James J. McGinty; second choice, none; other choice, none.
Assessor—E. E. Stowe.

WARD 10—Council—First choice, John W. Reynolds; second choice, S. Leonard Hoffman; other choice, none.
Assessor—Harry J. Reinartz.

WARD 11—Council—First choice, M. H. Gelfand or James S. Lytle; second choice, either of the above; other choice, none.
Assessor—John A. Cossey.

WARD 12—Council—First choice, Alexander Bernstein; second choice, Charles C. Goldman or Benjamin H. Schwartz; other choice, either of the above.
Assessor—Charles Deicken or Benjamin E. Rosenbaum.

WARD 13—Council—First choice, Frank Zofka; second choice, J. E. Votava; other choice, Charles A. Kadlecek.
Assessor—No contest.

WARD 14—Council—First choice, Joseph S. Backowski; second choice, Vincent Dukowski; other choice, none.
Assessor—Thomas C. Cerny.

WARD 15—Council—First choice, William F. Thompson; second choice, Garnet A. Rankin; other choice, none.
Assessor—Ray J. Sisk.

WARD 16—Council—First choice, William G. Tack or E. S. Taylor; second choice, either of the above; other choice, Julius Voelker.
Assessor—Robert J. Capper.

WARD 17—Council—First choice, George E. Whitehouse; second choice, William L. Wagner; other choice, none.
Assessor—Charles J. Schultz.

WARD 18—Council—First choice, Harry C. Gahn; second choice, David R. Rothkopf; other choice, none.
Assessor—C. H. Dense.

WARD 19—Council—First choice, Sherman Arter, John D. Marshall or William Stolte; second choice, one of the above; other choice, one of the above.
Assessor—G. V. Ashdown or Claudius A. Kejnle.

WARD 20—Council—First choice, DeLo E. Nook; second choice, Charles B. Stannard; other choice, none.
Assessor—Calvin [illegible] Hinds.

WARD 21—Council—First choice, Curtis T. Manchester or John M. Sulzman; second choice, either of the above; other choice, none.
Assessor—Walter F. McDonough.

WARD 22—Council—First choice, Edward A. Meyers or Rudolph Spilburg; second choice, either of the above; other choice, Lawrence A. Doering.
Assessor—I. K. Hurt.

WARD 23—Council—First choice, Frederick H. Leek; second choice, none; other choice, none.
Assessor—Henry L. Schaefer.

WARD 24—Council—First choice, E. H. Krueger or Carl E. Wetzel; second choice, either of the above; other choice, none.
Assessor—James M. Gee.

WARD 25—Council—First choice, J. E. Smith; second choice, Charles Switzer; other choice, none.
Assessor—Allen S. Keeler.

WARD 26—Council—First choice, William Rolfe; second choice, John A. Smith; other choice, Edgar F. Stallsmith.
Assessor—Charles E. Davis or Ernest R. Moses.

BALLOT ON JUDGES LOOKS LIKE THIS

Make a (X) in the Square to the Left of the Name of the Candidate to be voted for.

FOR CHIEF JUSTICE OF MUNICIPAL COURT
(Vote for not more than one)

- WILLIAM V. BACKUS
- F. WM. KURZE BERGER
- WILLIAM H. McGANNON

FOR JUDGES OF MUNICIPAL COURT
(6 Year Term)
(Vote for not more than three)

- GEORGE P. BAER
- MAURICE BERNSTEIN
- VICTOR J. CONRAD
- ANSEL B. CURTISS
- THEODORE B. GREEN
- FRANK E. HAINEN
- SAMUEL E. KRAMER
- WALTER McMAHON
- JOHN G. MURPHY
- FRED F TRUHLAR

FOR JUDGES OF MUNICIPAL COURT
(4 Year Term)
(Vote for not more than three)

- CHARLES L. BIGGS
- WILLIAM T. BLACK
- O. W. BROADWELL
- WILLIAM H. CHAPMAN
- FRANK T. CULLITAN
- F. S. DAY
- EMMETT P. DOWLING
- WILLIAM F. FIEDLER
- ROBERT FISHER
- MILAN GALLAGHER
- ROBERT GRANGER
- THOMAS E. GREENE
- GEORGE E. HAGENBUCH
- MICHAEL F. HEARON
- GEORGE A. HOWELLS
- CLARENCE L. JONES
- L. N. LAWRENCE
- ALBERT R. MANNING
- DAVID MOYLAN
- SAMUEL M. PARKS
- BERKELEY PEARCE
- FRANK C. PHILLIPS
- FRANCIS W. POULSON
- SAMUEL H. SILBERT
- JOS. L. SPITZ
- VIRGIL J. TERRELL
- JOHN A. THOMPSON
- FREDERICK P WALTHER

FACTS AND FIGURES.

Total registration (1915) 112,748 men, 8,826 women.

VOTE FOR MAYOR, 1913.

Candidates.	First Choice.	Second Choice.	Other Choices.
Newton D. Baker..	41,288	8,547	1,558
Harry L. Davis...	36,116	3,926	1,805
Joseph E. Robb....	5,738	9,970	2,596
Other candidates...	65	....	....
Total	83,205	17,443	5,954

REGISTRATION (1915) BY WARDS AND VOTE IN 1913 BY WARDS.

Wards.	Registration, 1915.	First Choice.	Second Choice.	Other Choices.	Number of Candidates.
1	4209	2656	470	177	3
2	5193	3089	536	270	4
3	4178	3251	849	490	7
4	3787	2573	185	21	2
5	4020	2923	521	270	5
6	5536	3674	1126	580	6
7	4058	2694	345	187	4
8	3694	2832	524	327	4
9	4122	2689	359	151	4
10	3274	2408	452	306	6
11	4099	2206	362	157	3
12	3367	2425	177	161	4
13	3931	2914	416	191	4
14	3931	2553	141	13	2
15	5392	3717	924	539	7
16	6080	3718	676	380	5
17	4314	2604	538	258	5
18	4443	3272	1094	721	9
19	3958	2721	927	467	6
20	3820	2924	1001	328	4
21	4007	2821	408	175	3
22	4047	2945	823	362	6
23	4098	3130	665	311	4
24	5144	3460	1326	698	9
25	4659	3184	298	19	2
26	6321	3224	908	556	7

Notice to Voters

In the ballot which appears below:

Ordinance No. 36708-A is the Cleveland & Youngstown Freight terminal ordinance.

Ordinance No. 37904-A is the Union Station ordinance.

Ordinance No. 36233-A is the Barber Subway ordinance.

Other measures on this sample ballot are self-explanatory. Mark this sample ballot and other sample ballots appearing on this page and take them to the polls with you Tuesday for your guidance.

ORDINANCE NO. 36708-A.

"An ordinance to amend and supplement Sections 1, 2-28, 2-29, 2-30, 2-31, 2-32, 2-33, 2-34, 2-35, 2-36, 2-37, 2-38, 2-39, 2-40, 2-41, 2-42, 2-43 and 16 of Ordinance No. 23307-B, entitled, 'An Ordinance Authorizing and Empowering The Cleveland & Youngstown Railroad Company to lay, construct, maintain and operate a railroad across certain streets in the city of Cleveland, hereafter named, upon the terms and conditions hereinafter specified,' passed May 6th, 1913, as amended by Ordinance No. 34976-A, entitled, 'An Ordinance to Amend Sections 1 and 2 of Ordinance No. 23307-B, entitled, 'An Ordinance authorizing and empowering The Cleveland & Youngstown Railroad Company to lay, construct, maintain and operate a railroad across certain streets in the city of Cleveland, hereinafter named, upon the terms and conditions hereinafter specified,' passed Nov. 30th, 1914."

FOR THE ORDINANCE

AGAINST THE ORDINANCE

REFERENDUM ON ORDINANCE NO. 37904-A.

To vote FOR the ordinance place a crossmark in the blank space to the left of the words—"FOR THE ORDINANCE."

To vote AGAINST the ordinance place a crossmark in the blank space to the left of the words—"AGAINST THE ORDINANCE."

ORDINANCE NO. 37904-A

"An ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into a contract with the New York Central Railroad Company, the Pennsylvania Company (operating the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad), The Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad Company and the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway Company for the conveyance of land for a union passenger station and the extension of railroad rights-of-way, providing for the acquisition by the city of Cleveland of certain lands to be made east of E. 9th st. in exchange for the city's rights in Bath st. N. W., and providing for the settlement of controversies pending and the development of the lake front between Edgewater park and E. 26th st. and upon Whiskey Island."

FOR THE ORDINANCE

AGAINST THE ORDINANCE

REFERENDUM ON ORDINANCE NO. 36233-A.

To vote FOR the ordinance place a crossmark in the blank space to the left of the words—"FOR THE ORDINANCE."

To vote AGAINST the ordinance place a crossmark in the blank space to the left of the words—"AGAINST THE ORDINANCE."

ORDINANCE NO. 36233-A.

"An ordinance granting to The Cleveland, Akron & Canton Terminal Railway Company, an Ohio corporation, its successors and assigns, the right to construct and maintain and operate therein an underground railroad for the transportation of freight along and under certain public roads, streets, alleys, ways and grounds in the city of Cleveland and to regulate and maintain suitable approaches for the same and defining the routes."

FOR THE ORDINANCE

AGAINST THE ORDINANCE

AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND.

To vote FOR the amendment place a crossmark in the blank space to the left of the words—"FOR THE AMENDMENT."

To vote AGAINST the amendment place a crossmark in the blank space to the left of the words—"AGAINST THE AMENDMENT."

To amend Section 28 of the Charter of the city of Cleveland in order to give separate representation in the City Council to newly annexed territory.

FOR THE AMENDMENT

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT

AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND.

To vote FOR the amendment place a crossmark in the blank space to the left of the words—"FOR THE AMENDMENT."

To vote AGAINST the amendment place a crossmark in the blank space to the left of the words—"AGAINST THE AMENDMENT."

To amend the Charter of the city of Cleveland, supplementing the same by the addition thereto of two new sections to be known as Sections 196-1 and 196-2, providing for standard wages with a minimum wage of $2.50 per day of 8 hours, on work done for the city of Cleveland, by contractors.

FOR THE AMENDMENT

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT

"Shall the bonds of the city of Cleveland be issued in the sum of $1,500,000.00 for the purpose of supplying a deficiency in the revenues of the city of Cleveland?"

FOR THE ISSUE OF BONDS

AGAINST THE ISSUE OF BONDS

"Shall a levy be made of an additional one-fourth of one mill upon the tax duplicate to pay interest and to provide a sinking fund for bonds to be issued to carry out orders of the state board of health issued prior to June 1, 1915, for the installation of works to prevent the pollution of the Cuyahoga river and Lake Erie?"

For an additional levy of taxes for the purpose of paying interest and providing a sinking fund for bonds to be issued to carry out orders of the state board of health to cease the pollution of the Cuyahoga river and Lake Erie, not exceeding one-fourth of one mill.

YES

For an additional levy of taxes for the purpose of paying interest and providing a sinking fund for bonds to be issued to carry out orders of the state board of health to cease the pollution of the Cuyahoga river and Lake Erie, not exceeding one-fourth of one mill.

NO

INITIATED ORDINANCE NO. 38010.

To vote FOR the ordinance place a crossmark in the blank space to the left of the words—"FOR THE ORDINANCE."

To vote AGAINST the ordinance place a crossmark in the blank space to the left of the words—"AGAINST THE ORDINANCE."

INITIATED ORDINANCE NO. 38010.

"An ordinance authorizing the purchase of the property of The Cleveland Railway Company by the city of Cleveland, and the issue and sale of mortgage bonds and the passage of a franchise as security for such bonds."

FOR THE ORDINANCE

AGAINST THE ORDINANCE

"Shall the bonds of the city of Cleveland be issued in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.00) for the purpose of erecting and equipping Comfort Stations in the city of Cleveland and for purchasing or condemning the necessary land therefor?"

FOR THE ISSUE OF BONDS

AGAINST THE ISSUE OF BONDS

"Shall the bonds of the city of Cleveland be issued in the sum of $300,000.00, for the purpose of purchasing and condemning the necessary land for, and for the improving, opening, widening and extending of Carnegie Ave. S. E.?"

FOR THE ISSUE OF BONDS

AGAINST THE ISSUE OF BONDS

"Shall the bonds of the city of Cleveland be issued in the sum of $1,600,000.00 for the purpose of defraying the city's portion of the cost of abolishing railroad grade crossings of the streets and highways?"

FOR THE ISSUE OF BONDS

AGAINST THE ISSUE OF BONDS

THESE MEN ASK ASSESSORSHIPS

Make a (X) in the Square to the Left of the Name of the Candidate to be voted for.

For Assessor
(Vote for not more than one)

- ALLEN S. KEELER
- THOMAS LOGAN

SCHOOL BOND ISSUES HERE

"Shall the bonds of the City School District of the City of Cleveland be issued in the sum of One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing sites for school houses and for erection and furnishing of the same?"

FOR THE ISSUE OF BONDS

AGAINST THE ISSUE OF BONDS

CITY OF CLEVELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Shall a levy be made of an additional one mill upon the tax duplicate for the next three years for school purposes?"

"For an additional levy of taxes for school purposes not exceeding one mill for not to exceed three years

YES"

"For an additional levy of taxes for school purposes not exceeding one mill for not to exceed three years

NO"

'MR. DOE' RUNS FOR MAYOR

He's 'Norris' on Heights Ballot; Here's Why.

When Cleveland Heights villagers go to the polls Tuesday they will find two candidates for mayor on the ticket. One is F. C. Cain, present incumbent. The other is a "T. M. Morris," and there isn't such a person as "T. M. Morris" in the village!

This is the way it happened: When the village had its primary one voter in precinct C, whose handwriting was not the most legible in the world, wanted to nominate T. M. Norris, 14375 Superior-av, Cleveland Heights, and wrote Norris' name on the Democratic side of the nominating ballot as a candidate for mayor.

The board of elections read the "N" in his name as "M," so when Mr. Norris learned that he was meant he wrote 150 letters to Democrats saying: "I have never been a candidate for any office in Cleveland Heights."

Issues Debate Challenge.

Bernhard Lillig, treasurer of the Twentieth Ward Republican club, 1788 E. 88th-pl, has challenged his opponent as candidate for twentieth ward assessor to a debate on property valuations in the twentieth ward.

MAYOR'S BALLOT IS PREFERENTIAL

FOR MAYOR (One to be elected)	First Choice	Second Choice	Other Choices
C. E. RUTHENBERG			
CHAS. P. SALEN			
PETER WITT			
HARRY L. DAVIS			
RICHARD KOEPPEL			
MINER G. NORTON			
FOR CLERK OF MUNICIPAL COURT (One to be elected)	First Choice	Second Choice	Other Choices
EARLE A. FOSTER			
PETER J. HENRY			
FREDERIC KOHLER			
WARD 4 FOR COUNCIL (One to be elected)	First Choice	Second Choice	Other Choices
L. I. LITZLER			
FRANK K. AMMER			
FRANZ X. BECKER			
OSCAR BERG			
JACOB DAHLER			
HARRY L. DEIBEL			
GEO. F. DOSTER			
FRANK J. FAULHABER			
J. M. FIELD			
FRANK T. HALLIGAN			

M'DERMOTT AND SPRAGUE ISSUES

Acts of the Eighty-first General Assembly Ordered, by Referendum Petition, to be Submitted to the Electors of the State.

FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 710
(THE SPRAGUE ACT)
(CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT BILL)

AN ACT to amend section 4828-1 of the General Code, making an apportionment of the state of Ohio into congressional districts under the thirteenth census of the United States.

AGAINST HOUSE BILL NO. 710
(THE SPRAGUE ACT)
(CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT BILL)

AN ACT to amend section 4828-1 of the General Code, making an apportionment of the state of Ohio into congressional districts under the thirteenth census of the United States.

FOR AMENDED SENATE BILL NO. 307
(THE McDERMOTT ACT)

AN ACT to provide for license to traffic in intoxicating liquors and to further regulate the traffic therein, and to amend sections 1261-16, 1261-17, 1261-18, 1261-19, 1261-20, 1261-21, 1261-24, 1261-33, 1261-40, 1261-41, 1261-43, 1261-46 and 1261-47 of the General Code.

AGAINST AMENDED SENATE BILL NO. 307
(THE McDERMOTT ACT)

AN ACT to provide for license to traffic in intoxicating liquors and to further regulate the traffic therein, and to amend sections 1261-16, 1261-17, 1261-18, 1261-19, 1261-20, 1261-21, 1261-24, 1261-33, 1261-40, 1261-41, 1261-43, 1261-46 and 1261-47 of the General Code.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution

Yes	ARTICLE XV, SECTION 9	Prohibition of the Sale and Manufacture for Sale of Intoxicating Liquor as a Beverage.
No		
Yes	ARTICLE X, SECTION 2	To fix the Terms of all County Officers at Four Years, to provide for their Election Quadrennially, and applying the Amendment to Incumbents.
No		
Yes	ARTICLE XII, SECTION 12	To exempt Bonds issued on or after January 1, 1916, of the State of Ohio or any subdivision or District thereof authorized to issue Bonds, from Taxation.
No		
Yes	ARTICLE XVI, SECTION 4	To limit Elections on Twice Defeated Constitutional Proposals and to prevent the abuse of the Initiative and Referendum.
No		

SCHOOL BOARD SAMPLE BALLOT

Make a (X) in the Square to the Left of the Name of the Candidate to be voted for.

For Members of the Board of Education
(Vote for not more than three)

- E. E. ADMIRE
- J. B. FRAUENTHAL
- VIRGINIA D. GREEN
- SIEGFRIED NEUBAUER
- MINNIE RIVKIN
- CHARLES SCHOVANEK
- F WILLIAM STEFFEN
- MARK L. THOMSEN
- E. O. WILCOX
- M. C. YEAGLE

POLL DECIDES FATE OF 19 VITAL PUBLIC ISSUES

Liquor Question, Bond Taxation, I. and R. Ballots Concern State—Cleveland Problems Deal With Railroads, Bond Issues, Taxation, Wages, Schools.

Voters of Cleveland are to pass on nineteen questions of public policy election day. They are vital for city and state.

Four amendments to the state constitution are to be passed on. Two acts of the last legislature are before the voters for approval or disapproval. The other questions which are to be passed on concern big problems which confront Cleveland exclusively. They are summarized as follows:

Public Policy Questions.

Constitutional Amendments.

PROHIBITION AMENDMENT: The amendment was initiated by the Anti-Saloon league of Ohio. If adopted, it will prohibit in Ohio after Jan. 1, 1917, sale and manufacture for sale of intoxicating liquors.

COUNTY OFFICERS — FOUR-YEAR TERM: This amendment was initiated by the county officeholders of the state in order to extend their own terms two years and make all terms thereafter four years. Its adoption will place twelve elective county offices in the constitution. This would make impossible abolition or consolidation by the legislature of any county offices in the interest of economy. The amendment has been disapproved by the Plain Dealer, Civic league, Chamber of Commerce and Federation of Labor.

EXEMPTION OF PUBLIC BONDS FROM TAXATION: This amendment was submitted by the legislature and seeks to exempt from taxation all state, county, city and school district bonds. Prior to 1912 these public bonds were exempt. They were made taxable in the amendment submitted by the constitutional convention in 1912 on the theory that they would return considerable revenue to the state. They have not done so. It is generally estimated that not more than 5 per cent. of these bonds have been sold in Ohio. The result is that the state, counties and cities pay a high rate and get no returns on the bonds. The amendment has been approved by the Plain Dealer, Civic league and Chamber of Commerce.

I. AND R. AMENDMENT: This is an amendment initiated by a so-called Stability league to prevent the resubmission for six years, either by the legislature or by initiative petition, of any constitutional amendment which has been twice defeated at the polls. Under the proposal no amendment could be submitted for six years which involves the whole or any part of any such amendment twice defeated. The practical effect of it would be to cripple the I. and R. provisions of the constitution as they relate to amending the constitution. The proposal has been disapproved by the Plain Dealer, Civic league, Chamber of Commerce and Federation of Labor.

Referendum of State Laws.

CONGRESSIONAL GERRYMANDER (SPRAGUE ACT): This is an act by the last Republican legislature redistricting the state for the purpose of insuring the election of at least sixteen Republican congressmen out of the twenty-two from Ohio. At the last election the Republicans elected thirteen out of the twenty-two. According to party strength, as evidenced by the vote for governor, the Republicans should have eleven and the Democrats eleven representatives in congress. The proposed redistricting, instead of equalizing representation, increases the inequality. The Sprague act is condemned by the Civic league.

McDERMOTT LIQUOR LICENSE ACT: This act was enacted by the last legislature to decentralize the control over liquor licenses. Under it license commissioners will be appointed by three of the elective county officers in the counties composing each district. Local appeal boards will displace the one appeal board at Columbus. It decentralizes authority and scatters responsibility for the control of the liquor traffic. It will place the control in the hands of local authorities and will make this the issue in every local election. The act is disapproved by the Plain Dealer and the Civic league.

Local Issues.

THE C. AND Y. GRANT: This is an ordinance for vacating the streets and alleys in an area of some 47 acres of land between E. 9th-st and E. 34th-st and between Orange-av S. E. on the north and Broadway and Pittsburg-avs on the south. The object is to permit the Cleveland and Youngstown railroad company to construct, maintain and operate high level freight yards in this territory. These yards on a level with the business district, it is estimated, will reduce cost of handling freight about 20 cents a ton. The ordinance has been approved by city council, the Plain Plain Dealer, Chamber of Commerce and the Cnamber of Industry.

UNION DEPOT ORDINANCE: This is an ordinance making the necessary transfer of property, settling certain old controversies relative to title of property, and granting the three railways entering the Union station, the authority to erect and operate a new Union station on the lake front at the head of the Mall. The city will receive $1,400,000 for the land in the lake front park and the railroads agree to construct a station in keeping with the group plan of buildings. The ordinance has been approved by city council, the Plain Dealer, Chamber of Commerce, Chamber of Industry and Builders Exchange.

BARBER SUBWAY GRANT: An ordinance granting a franchise for the construction and operation of a four-track underground railroad for the transportation of freight. The line would extend under E. 55th-st from the lake front to Broadway S. E., thence to E. 71st-st and the city limits. The property of the subway reverts to the city at the end of the grant in eighty-five years. The city reserves the right to purchase the entire system after twenty-seven years. The company agrees to make uniform switching charge and without discrimination. The ordinance has been approved by the city council, the Plain Dealer, Chamber of Commerce and Chamber of Industry.

Charter Amendments.

REPRESENTATION IN CITY COUNCIL: This amendment provides that when any newly annexed territory has a voting population of more than 2,000 it shall be annexed as a separate ward and have the right to elect one representative to the city council until new ward lines are established, immediately following the next federal census. This amendment will make annexation to Cleveland much more attractive to suburbs. The amendment has been approved by city council, the Plain Dealer, Chamber of Commerce and Civic league.

MINIMUM WAGE AMENDMENT: This amendment was initiated by the labor organizations to compel contractors on city work to pay a minimum wage of $2.50 per day of eight hours for unskilled labor. The proposal has been approved by the Federation of Labor and disapproved by the Chamber of Commerce and Civic league. These two organizations disapprove the amendment on the ground that the fixing of wages is a legislative question and not one to be embodied in the fundamental law.

Bond Issues.

DEFICIENCY BOND ISSUE: An ordinance authorizing the issuance of $1,500,000 in bonds to meet deficiencies in operating expenses of the city which have been accumulating for five or six years. The ordinance was passed by city council and has been indorsed by the Plain Dealer and disapproved by the Chamber of Commerce.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANT—$2,000,000 BOND ISSUE: An ordinance providing an additional tax levy of one-fourth of a mill to pay interest and provide sinking fund for issue of $2,000,000 in bonds to complete construction of sewage disposal plant and the intercepting sewer. The state board of health has ordered the city to cease polluting the Cuyahoga river and Lake Erie. The order of the state board is mandatory upon cities of the state. The ordinance was adopted by the council, and has been approved by the Plain Dealer and the Chamber of Commerce.

PURCHASE OF STREET RAILWAYS: An ordinance initiated by the Socialists, authorizing purchase of the property of the street railway company, the issuance of mortgage bonds in payment therefor, and the granting of a franchise as security for such mortgage bonds. Its adoption means the issuance of some $84,000,000 in mortgage bonds, and the municipal ownership and operation of the street railways. The ordinance has the indorsement only of the Socialists. No mayoralty candidate, other than the Socialist, is advocating its approval. It has been disapproved by the Plain Dealer and the Chamber of Commerce.

PUBLIC COMFORT STATIONS: This is an ordinance authorizing an issue of bonds in the sum of $100,000 for the purpose of erecting and equipping shelter houses and comfort stations at important transfer points along the street car lines, where the people can be protected during inclement weather, and where adequate toilet facilities can be provided. The ordinance was passed by the council, and approved by the Plain Dealer, Chamber of Commerce and Chamber of Industry.

GRADE CROSSING BONDS—$1,600,000: This is an ordinance authorizing city council to issue bonds to the amount of $1,600,000 to defray the city's portion of the cost of abolishing the remaining grade crossings along the right of way of the Pennsylvania and Nickel Plate railroads on the East Side. This is merely a continuance of the city's program of grade crossing elimination adopted some years ago. The ordinance was passed by the council and has been approved by the Plain Dealer and Chamber of Commerce.

OPENING CARNEGIE-AV: This is an ordinance authorizing the council to issue $800,000 in bonds for the purpose of meeting the city's portion of the cost of extending and improving Carnegie-av from its present eastern terminus at E. 89th-st through to the boulevard east of E. 107th-st. Its adoption will enable the city to open another much needed thoroughfare to the east paralleling Euclid-av, and will furnish an avenue of relief to the already overtaxed main thoroughfare. The ordinance was passed by the council and has been approved by the Plain Dealer, the Chamber of Commerce, Real Estate Board and Builders Exchange.

BOND ISSUE FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS: This is a resolution to authorize the board of education to issue $1,000,000 in bonds for the purchase of sites and the erection and equipment of new school buildings or for the addition of rooms to old buildings. The board of education says that the proceeds of the bonds are necessary in order to meet the growing demands of an increasing school population. The proposal has been approved by the Chamber of Commerce and Chamber of Industry.

ONE MILL TAX LEVY—SCHOOL PURPOSES: This is a resolution of the board of education levying for three years an additional 1 mill tax for general school purposes. If approved, the revenue from this levy can be used either for operating expenses or for the erection and equipment of buildings or both. In 1912 a similar resolution was approved by the people and furnished the additional revenue for the years 1913, 1914 and 1915. This new levy will merely continue the old levy for another three years. The resolution has been approved by the Plain Dealer, the Chamber of Commerce and Chamber of Industry.

IT'S EASY TO CAST PREFERENTIAL VOTE

Read Carefully Instructions at Top of Ballot—Mark Only One First Choice—One Second Choice if You Want To—Other Choices at Discretion.

In order to vote correctly the preferential ballot read carefully the instructions at the top of the ballot.

If your first choice, for example, is Ruthenberg then mark the cross (X) in the first choice column at the right of Ruthenberg's name. If your second choice is Norton, place the cross (X) in the second choice column at the right of Norton's name.

You can vote for only one first choice and one second choice. But you can vote as many other choices as there are candidates not yet voted for. Assuming that you have a kindly feeling toward Witt and Davis, and feel that they would make satisfactory mayors, then you can vote for both of them in the other choice column by placing the cross (X) in that column opposite each name.

Your failure to vote for Salen and Koeppel means that you want to see each defeated. A failure to vote for a candidate on the preferential ballot is a vote against him.

You can vote only once for any one candidate. You cannot give your favorite a first and second vote. If you should happen to make that mistake, only your first choice will be counted. If, by mistake, you

Railway Franchise Vies in Interest With Fight for Mayor's Seat.

Mayoralty Battle Centers Around Former Police Chief.

SPECIAL TO THE PLAIN DEALER.

TOLEDO, Oct. 30.—The mayoralty contest just closing is exceeded in interest largely by the fight on the proposed street car franchise. An ordinance drawn up by special committee of council and initiated with 22,000 signatures provides for a twenty-five-year grant to the present street car company. The proposed grant provides that the municipal ownership election held Aug. 4, 1914 and carried by a majority vote, is in no wise impaired if the proposed franchise carries.

The traction company has had a strong organization at work. It includes retail merchants and other business men. Arrayed against it are leaders in the former independent movement, and labor unions, whose aim is opposition to a franchise for any public utility. The defeat of the grant is looked for.

The attitude of the company if the franchise fails of carriage is problematical. Practically every one of its franchises on the nineteen lines which comprise the Toledo Railways & Light Co., have expired. It is believed a rental agreement between the company and the city will result until such time as the city will be able to take over the property and operate it.

The mayoralty contest has been unique. The fight has centered around George A. Murphey who was chief of police one year under Mayor Carl Keller. Murphey was ousted last February when Keller broke with the faction which boosted him into office a year before. Murphey this year is aided by the Toledo federation and those who Mayor Keller in his campaign ars ago.

r has become a strong factor race the past week. He has king of the ultra-liberals. candidacy of Charles M. Mil- cently prosecuting attorney, umed large proportions in the n days. Politicians point out stands the better chance of winning through the new system of first and second choice voting. It is the first election under the new non-partisan plan of the new city charter.

It is pointed out that as Murphey's followers have largely been recruited from the old Keller ranks, Murphey will receive a large first choice vote. The second choice, they say, will go to Milroy, if cast at all in preference to Keller. The Milroy and the Keller force will split their first and second choice votes, thus giving Milroy the larger percentage of first and second choice votes. Milroy is backed by men who formerly were active in the old line Republican ranks, the Progressives and the Democratic followers. Many business organizations have indorsed his candidacy.

Voters here Tuesday will be handed eleven ballots for their consideration. Aside from the state issues there will be three bond issues to vote upon: one for the park board providing for $750,000; one for the board of education for $1,000,000 and one for the Miami Children's home for a tax levy of .25 of a mill for two years to enable improvements to be made to present buildings.

OHIO BACKS SCHOOL LAW

Turner Will Fight Suit Attacking Its Constitutionality.

COLUMBUS, O., Oct. 30.—Attorney General Turner today compiled with the request of Prosecutor Ortha O. Barr of Allen county to assist in fighting in the court of appeals and supreme court the suit in which the Allen county common pleas court held the new state school law unconstitutional.

Judge Miller of the Mercer county common pleas court, sitting in the Allen county court, declared the school code unconstitutional on the ground it provides for appointment of the county board of education by presidents of township or district boards, whereas the constitution specifies all county officers shall be elected.

The contention of the attorney general will be that the county school board members are not county officers.

EXPERTS MAY SEE CITY PLANS START

U. S. Delegates, if Election Indorses, Will Inspect Projects Here.

Great Railroad Station and Subway Scheme May be Under Way.

City planning experts of the United States at a conference in Cleveland next April will have an opportunity to inspect actual work on the most gigantic city planning and town development improvements ever attempted by any city of the country, if voters approve issues that will be placed before them at the election Tuesday.

Not only will preliminary features of the union passenger station, Cleveland & Youngstown terminal and Barber subway and lake front improvements be in process of development, if indorsed Tuesday, but Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo believes it possible the library building to be built on the site of the old city hall also will be under construction.

"We will be able to show the members of the organization that is to meet in Cleveland some interesting group plan work and the development of two great railroad terminals, if the projects now before the people are approved," said Director Sidlo.

"We will also exhibit the work of the city plan commission. Plans will be shown in the grand hall of the new city hall. The sessions may take place in the new city council chamber."

Because the city is planning to vacate the present city hall building early in December, Director Sidlo has asked Secretary Carl Lorenz of the library board to urge haste in the preparation of the plans for the new library building. Work can be started before all the detail plans are completed, the director said in urging that the building be erected as soon as possible.

NEW BALLOT GETS BIGGEST TRY-OUT HERE ON TUESDAY

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seven candidates. For the office of mayor there were five candidates. The vote for mayor was as follows:

Mayor	First Choice	Second Choice	Third Choice	Total
Dan Kellaher	2,510	3,584	4,152	10,246
A. G. Rushlight	16,097	2,963	1,733	20,813
H. R. Albee	21,653	4,075	1,498	27,166
C. L. McKenna	3,493	12,445	4,239	20,177
W. J. Smith	1,768	1,853	3,381	7,002
Totals	45,521	24,920	15,023	85,404

In order to be elected by first choice votes a candidate must have received 24,262 votes. Mr. Albee lacked 2,600 votes of that number. By the addition of the second choices, Mr. Albee received 25,728, enough to elect him without the addition of third choice votes. It will be noted that he also received the highest total of the three choices. In other words, he was the majority choice of the community.

Speaking of the operation of the system for the four commissioners, W. S. Uren of Portland writes:

"There were eighty-seven candidates for the four commissioners to be elected. They included, along with a modicum of very good men, about every species of undesirable, from strong and experienced machine politicians to saloon hangers on and ticket takers at 5-cent movies.

"A voluntary committee of citizens published impartial biographies of them all, and late in the campaign, in response to an urgent popular demand indicated the twelve whom they considered the best. The twelve were all excellent men, but only one of them received enough first choice votes to have elected him if the old plurality system had been working, but by use of the second and third choices the tables were turned.

"The candidates elected were all from among the twelve named by the committee, and by the consensus of intelligent opinion among the very best of them."

In this first election with a preferential ballot the voters of Portland cast 50 per cent. second choice and 32 per cent. third choice votes.

Some candidates are urging voters to vote only one choice ("plunkers"), thinking that this "single shooting" will be of more advantage to him than to his opponents. It is just as likely to prove a boomerang as a benefit. Plunking is a game which more than one can play, and when the election goes to third or other choices a goodly number of such choices are extremely desirable.

When a candidate urges his supporters to "plunk," the other man's supporters are likely to do likewise. "Plunking" has been advocated by a few politicians in every election in every city where the preferential ballot has been used, but in none, to my knowledge, has it accomplished its purposes.

The preferential ballot is intended to give to the voter an opportunity of expressing his opinion, not merely of one candidate, but of all candidates for office. Its purpose is to get a fuller expression of public opinion on all candidates.

It has greatly extended the elective franchise. It strengthens the powers of the individual voter and weakens the influence of the political boss. It makes practically impossible the election of a minority candidate by splitting the vote.

But it is not effective unless second and other choice votes are cast by a considerable percentage of the voters. It is not fool proof nor is it a panacea for electoral inertia.

The voter must exercise his choices and he must do it intelligently. If he does so then the community opinion will be far more fully expressed by the preferential ballot than by the old plurality system.

202 SCHOOLS IN DANGER

Have Doors Opening Inward, Ohio Official Finds.

COLUMBUS, D., Oct. 30.—Echo of the fire in St. John's school at Peabody, Mass., Thursday in which twenty-one children lost their lives was contained in a report of George W. Pope, chief inspector of workshops and factories today that 202 schools in the state have doors opening inward contrary to state regulations.

Churches, numbering 218, with similar conditions, were discovered during the sixteen months ending Dec. 31, 1914, also 160 public halls and fifty-six theaters.

Will Widen Lake-rd.

Lake-rd, the extension of the Lake Shore boulevard, is to be widened to 100 feet for a distance of about four miles and a half from the eastern limits of Cleveland to the Lake county line. Action to this effect was taken yesterday by the county commissioners.

CONTEND... PERILS ...OFFSPRING

Dental Research Scient... Guinea Pigs and Othe... Deformities

...Experiments on Alcoholized ...Creatures—Heredity Causes ...nd Monstrosities

A biological study of the effec... of alcoholism on off-spring of lower... nd higher type animals has been st... ed by the Research Institute of the ...a- tional Dental association with h... d- quarters in Cleveland, and start... ng conclusions are expected by its pr... si- dent, Dr. Weston A. Price, 10... 06 Euclid-av.

Guinea pigs given alcoholic va... ors to inhale an hour a day and se... eral days a week, embryonic fish forms developed in alcoholized water, rabbits and dogs alcoholized or given doses of absinthe were among the lower type animal life studied.

The studies have gone into the second generation of the original subjects and it was found in many cases, Dr. Price said, the monstrosities and deformaties of mind and body were often worse and of greater number in this generation than in the first generation, although more of the second generation lived than of the first.

The studies will be made chiefly of persons in the future, and a laboratory probably will be built to carry on scientific research. Weakened resistance and weakened mentality, idiotic tendencies and deficiencies were found in a big per cent. of children from parents who used alcoholic beverages or were engaged in vocations from which lead or other poisoning could be contracted.

Some remarkable work in correcting skull deformities in idiotic children and adults, has been done in Cleveland recently, and when the tests are completed they will be explained before the society.

"More or less serious facial deformities often accompany mental underdevelopment," said Dr. Price. "The work is simplified by the finding that the same deformities are often accompanied by the same mental defects. The cause has been the same in most cases, poison in the systems of either parents or grandparents, and the poion was chiefly alcoholic."

IT'S EASY TO CAST PREFERENTIAL VOTE

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different choices. You can vote first choice and stop at that, or you can vote a first choice and second choice only.

The ballot which contains the names of candidates for the mayoralty will also contain the names of candidates for the council from the particular ward, and also the names of the three candidates for the clerk of the municipal court—all to be chosen by the preferential system.

No party designations will appear on any ballot, nor will the names of candidates appear in alphabetical order.

The voter will be handed eight ballots:

Ballot (preferential) fr city officials.

Ballot for judges, municipal court.

Ballot for members board of education.

Ballot for ward assessor.

Public policy questions—city.

Public policy questions—school district.

Ballot—state referendum on acts.

Ballot — state constitutional amendments.

To vote intelligently on all of these questions and candidates is a big task. It means study and preparation by the voter. More issues than appear on these ballots have been decided, and with discrimination, at one election in this and other states. It can be done again in Cleveland and Ohio if the voter takes the trouble to inform himself on candidates and issues.

DORT CAR ON LONG TRIP

New York-Frisco Tourist Stops Off in Cleveland.

F. W. Magill of Rochester, N. Y., driving a Dort roadster, arrived in Cleveland last week, en route from New York to San Francisco. Mr. Magill, who is president of the A-No. One Polish Co. of Rochester, has completed more than 4,700 miles of touring, covering every important city in the northern part of New York and the state of Michigan.

According to Mr. Magill, he has averaged about 200 miles a day, and has not spent one cent for repairs during his trip. He has encountered all kinds of road and weather conditions and in many cases the mud was hub deep. Nothing seemed to stop his Dort roadster, which took all hills on high with the greatest of ease.

From Utica to Erie, about 300 miles, he traveled on high without even shifting gears and not even a stop. Mr. Magill has owned several automobiles in his time, but no car has pleased him as much, he says, as the Dort, which had all the power necessary for traveling quickly over country roads.

Takes Over Property Where It Started Business.

PITTSBURG, Oct. 30.—The need for room to fill its war orders has caused the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co. to take back control of the building in the downtown section here where it began business thirty years ago.

The company is installing machinery for the manufacture of shrapnel shells and it is said that the new operations will give work to 2,000 men.

Chalmers Has New Ad Manager.

Announcement was made yesterday by Paul Smith, vice president in charge of sales and advertising of the Chalmers Motor Co., of the appointment of

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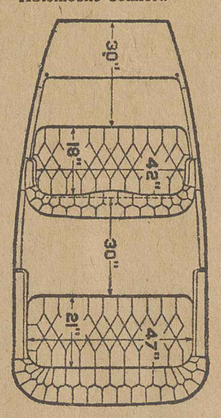
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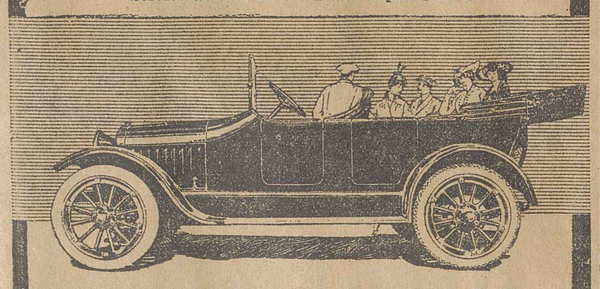
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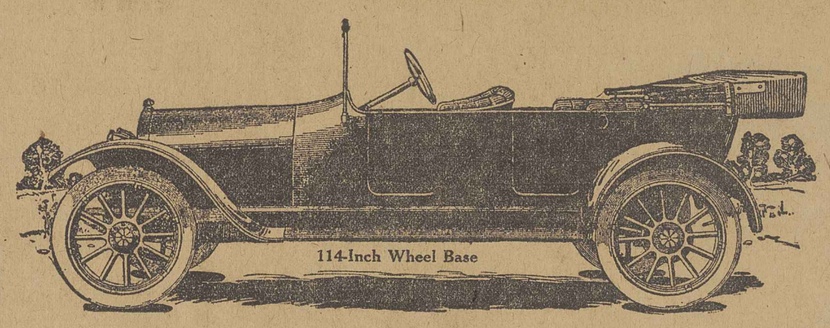
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WITT MEN UNCOVER LATE HOUR ATTACK

Davis is Asked to Explain Appeal to Anti-German Prejudice.

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Democratic Committee Desires Immediate Publication of Charge.

OCT 31 1915

An eleventh-hour plan in behalf of the candidacy of Harry L. Davis to attack Peter Witt, administration candidate, on the ground of German birth was uncovered late last night by the Democratic county executive committee.

R. J. Bulkley, chairman of the county committee, immediately dispatched a letter to Candidate Davis, putting it squarely up to the Republican to circulate the attack today so Mr. Witt may have opportunity to answer it, or for Mr. Davis to get in touch with Mr. Bulkley.

It was understood the attack was planned to be made in a four-page publication, newspaper size, already printed, and to be distributed tomorrow evening, too late for an answer before the voting Tuesday. The publication violently assails Mr. Witt and asks support for Mr. Davis.

This was the letter sent Mr. Davis by Chairman Bulkley:

It has come to my attention that a paper in the interest of your candidacy has been printed with the evident purpose of making the European war an issue in this campaign by stirring up racial prejudices because of Mr. Witt's German ancestry. Presumably this paper is intended for circulation next Monday night.

Two things about the circulation of this paper are especially reprehensible. In the first place it is a deliberate appeal to race and national prejudice, based on the supposition that a part of the citizenship of Cleveland is so un-American as to vote because of such prejudice. In the second place, it is an eleventh hour attack entirely out of keeping with the spirit of fair play which must and does prevail in Cleveland politics.

As you well know, Mr. Witt has not sought to make the European war an issue of the campaign, but on the contrary, even before an audience of German birth and descent, stated that he hoped that the war might end without advantages to either party. Your publication, on the other hand, is obviously partisan, as it is printed in the English and Slavic languages only, and not in German or Hungarian, while it also contains offensive cartoons of the German and Austrian emperors and their allies.

Under the circumstances, I must call upon you to see to it that this paper is circulated today (Sunday) so that Mr. Witt may be given the opportunity to defend himself on Monday. In case this work has been done without your knowledge and you do not know where to find the paper referred to I will be glad to give you definite information if you will call me by telephone at my residence.

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WITT, IF ELECTED, SAYS HE'LL FIGHT FOR TAX REFORMS

Declares He'll Give Cleveland Wider Fame as Center of Achievements Under Home Rule.

Promises to Strike at Hotbed of Monoply and Learn How Much Taxes to Collect and Spend.

CRIES HIS FOES SIMPLY WANT CITY HALL JOB

Norton Closes Campaign, and Davis Appears With Husky Voice.

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BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Proposals to outdo the advertising Cleveland has received in the past from its people's progress by spreading its name and fame far and wide in a future fight for true home rule in taxation were hurled from the platform in tent and hall last night by Peter Witt, administration candidate for mayor.

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He asserted home rule in fact will be attained only when the city can say for itself how much revenue it shall collect, how it shall be raised and how spent. Declaring he did not ask the office for compensation, as he could "make more money in the railroad game than the city would give," the candidate cried he wanted the power of 700,000 people at his back in striking "at the root of privilege and monopoly in their citadel, unjust taxation."

Mr. Witt again carried to the front his proposal for 3-cent light for all the people as a dominant issue, and charged none of his opponents stood for "anything except the job." His only persistent questioners in the tent meetings were Socialists, with whom he had several lively tilts.

Push Fight on Witt.

Campaigns of the Witt opponents were being pushed last night. Harry L. Davis, experiencing serious difficulty with his throat and just able to speak, had to content himself with brief remarks and offered to answer questions. One questioner wanted to know what Mr. Davis had done for 3-cent fare, and the candidate replied: "I voted for the Tayler grant. Pete Witt didn't."

Miner G. Norton formally closed his stumping campaign with a mass meeting in the Grays armory. Mr. Norton reviewed his discussions since the start of the fight, charged the Baker administration with waste and scored Mr. Witt's administration as street railway commissioner as having been conducted "in the interest of the stockholders of the Cleveland Railway Co., rather than the car riders."

Charles P. Salen's new attack was on "loose extravagance," which he charged prevailed in leveling Fairview park and in constructing the filtration plant. He took occasion last evening to invite court action if anyone wanted to contend the truth of his statements in this campaign.

The first Witt meeting was in a tent at Storer-av S. W. and W. 54th-st, the scene of much questioning by Socialists in the campaign of Mayor Newton D. Baker two years ago. Councilman R. J. Koch presided. Mr. Witt said his opponents, "the boy, the old man and the sport," agreed on one thing—that Pete Witt would be the next mayor.

Says Foes Want Just Job.

"They agree also in being against what I believe in, municipal ownership," said the commissioner. "When the votes are counted Tuesday night, some of them will not even have place in the column called 'scattering.' None of them stands for anything except the job. Behind a candidate's declarations should stand a man."

Mr. Witt reviewed his thirty years of campaigning "for the doctrine that is my religion." He spoke of Tom L. Johnson's nine years of struggle "between the house of want and the house of have." He told his record as street railway commissioner, and asked the people not to stop demanding what they wanted, for "satisfaction and stagnation are synonomous terms," he said.

"The harder you demand," he declared, "the sooner will you bring the day when the producer shall enjoy the full product of his toil, which after all is the fight of the future."

Here a questioner called out asking the candidate how he stood on the double platoon plan for firemen and an eight-hour day for policemen.

"I have no doubt," responded the commissioner, "that the double platoon system would be an improvement over the present, but it is out of the question in our present financial condition. The same is true of an eight-hour day for policemen.

"If you believe in double platoon system and eight hours for policemen, there is only one thing for you to do—join with us in the fight for a right to say how much taxes we shall collect and how much we shall spend."

There was a burst of applause.

The commissioner said while he was on the subject, he again would tell his stand on fire and police department pensions. He said while he opposed service pensions, he believed more compensation should be given families of men injured or killed, but that a man incapacitated for active duty should be retained at his full salary in municipal positions he could fill instead of receiving a pension.

He said, however, it would not lie in his power to change the situation, and that whether he could or not, the present contract between present members of the departments and the city "should be carried out to the letter."

Then another questioner wanted to know about boxing, and Mr. Witt said as mayor he would issue one permit and attend the bout. If he decided it was a good thing, he would allow it, otherwise he would forbid it.

"Mr. Witt," began another voice, "isn't it true that no matter whether the Democrats, Republicans or non-partisans are in power, the interests of the capitalistic class are looked after?"

"Oh, dear, oh, dear, here's our friend, the Socialist," said Mr. Witt, and there was both laughter and applause.

Another man asked whether if there were "suburbanites" working for the city, shouldn't they be removed or compelled to live in the city, Mr. Witt said he agreed "if the city was good enough to work for, it was good enough to live in."

A woman asked why the W. Denison service had been cut off at W. 73d-st, and when she declined to be satisfied with the commissioner's explanation, the candidate said:

"My good woman, this change was made in the interest of the most car riders. If you don't like it, tell your husband to vote against me. I'm not running the railway for votes; I'm running it for the best service for the majority."

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Mr. Witt next spoke at Bohemian National hall, Broadway S. E., where he told the crowd "the big fight yet to come is the labor problem in a nutshell, and the first step is solving the tax problem."

Then he hurried to another tent at Woodland-av S. E. and E. 33d-st, the spot where Charles P. Salen's tent was pitched night before last. Here a bunch of roses was presented to Mr. Witt by little Rosie Rosenstein. Here also a Socialist wanted to know why the Baker administration had not been "wide awake" enough to get gas in the "city's back yard and sell it to the people for 8 cents."

Mr. Witt, recounting the history of the gas franchise, charged it was put through the council under Herman Baehr by irregular methods, and slammed Councilman Alex Bernstein of the minority, in whose ward he was speaking, as one who voted for it. He called the councilman a "rubber stamp in council."

"It was Alex Bernstein, not the Baker administration, that forced that octopus on you," he cried. "If he and his Republican brethren had not voted for it, you would not have it."

Mr. Witt told the Socialists also if their candidate would join in the fight for 3-cent light instead of "chasing rainbows," he would come nearer fulfilling the objects for which the Socialists say their party stands. He called C. E. Ruthenberg, Socialist candidate for mayor, "not an issue, but a nuisance."

The last Witt meeting was in Ullman's hall, E. 55th-st, near St. Clair-av N. E., where a man cried: "Give Salen hell, Pete!" as the candidate was introduced. There the candidate promised that in the next two years the fight for "just taxation" would be well under way, carrying far and wide again the name of Cleveland. He said he was prepared to wage the fight "and if need be die in it."

Mayor Baker spoke at the Witt tent meetings last night. On the East Side, when a questioner charged holding up of the liquor licenses defeated Harry L. Davis in 1913, the mayor cried: "I had no more to do with the holding up of the licenses than the youngest baby in this tent!"

RUTHENBERG HITS RAILWAY SYSTEM

Predicts if Municipal Ownership Is Passed $100,000 Will Be Saved.

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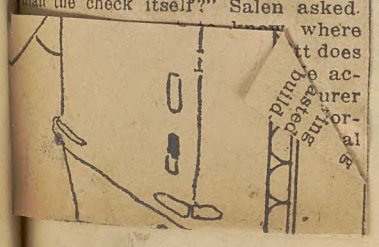
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Witt said that in selecting a mayor voters should be guided not by what the candidates claimed to be, but what their records showed them to be.

"Honest with Self."

"I have never been afraid to state my position," he declared. "I have always taken advanced ground. I think more of Pete Witt than I do of any man that lives. I want to be on good terms with him. I have never worried and failed to sleep, because I have been honest with myself. Follow the truth and the reward will comt in the end."

Mayor Baker preceded Witt at the tent meeting. He said that the Cleveland & Youngstown freight terminal ordinance was the most important project ever submitted to voters for their approval.

Baker praised the work of Commissioner of Buildings Allen when questioned as to why that official had offered his resignation, effective January 1, following criticism of the office by city councilmen.

Witt also spoke at the Johnson house, W. 25th st., and at St. Elizabeth's hall, Buckeye rd. and E. 90th st. At the Johnson house meeting he said:

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EACH IS CONFIDENT OF 'OTHER CHOICE' VICTORY

Witt Only Candidate to Claim He'll Win Without Second or Third Votes —His Leaders Claim 47,000 Firsts to Davis' 32,000—Norton Claims 35,000 and Salen Workers 25,000 —Davis Claims He's Gaining at Witt's Expense.

BY JOHN T. BOURKE.

Cleveland's next mayor will not be the first choice of a majority of the voters who cast their ballots at the municipal election the day after tomorrow.

It is the belief of practically every student of politics and political observer in the city that the next executive will be a minority mayor elected by the addition to his first choice votes of the second and probably the third choice votes received by him.

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Of the candidates for mayor Peter Witt is the only one who thinks he is the favorite of the majority of Cleveland's citizenship. Each of the other leading candidates, Harry L. Davis, Miner G. Norton and Charles P. Salen, expects to win the election when his second choice votes are combined with his first choice votes. To win in this way he will need a plurality of the combined vote, which must exceed half the total first choice votes cast at the election.

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The candidates are each sanguine of victory, but the leaders who helped conduct their respective campaigns and their organized trench fighters are in doubt as to who will win. They won't say so for publication, but get any of them in the corner talking confidentially and he will not venture to forecast the result of next Tuesday's election further than to estimate how the first choice votes will be divided.

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Even as the situation is, they are not overconfident that he can win, because they confess complete ignorance of where the second and third choice votes will go, though they are hopeful he will receive a sufficient number which, with the plurality of first choice ballots they figure he will get, will put him under the wire a winner.

Polls taken by Witt's supporters early in the campaign showed much more strength for his candidacy than those taken in the last week. These polls, with other reports received from Democratic workers, have caused the Witt leaders deep concern. One of the best informed of these leaders said yesterday: "It looks like a close fight, with the odds favorable to Witt."

The Democratic reports say that in the East End wards the fight is between Witt and Norton, and that the South End looks good for Davis, who is said to be strong in the fourteenth and fifteenth wards.

The downtown lake shore wards, the ninth, tenth, twenty-first and twenty-third, are claimed by the Democrats to be safely for Witt. They also claim that Witt will run strong on the West Side, which, they say, he must carry by 3,500 to 4,000 to be elected.

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I will be elected on the combined first and second choice votes.

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Reports from the shops received by some of Davis' ablest political leaders say the Witt outlook for the votes of workingmen is not good, while Davis is strong.

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PETER WITT

OF the result next Tuesday, I have no doubt. It's the same old struggle, it's the same old fight—the advocates of progress against the cohorts of reaction.



PETER WITT.

It's a contest between the people who believe in tomorrow and those who are wedded to yesterday, between the ones who see the rising sun and those who look upon the closing day.

The people of Cleveland in fifteen years have made but one backward step, a mistake which will not be repeated on Tuesday.

I shall receive the votes of all who want to see Cleveland better as well as bigger, juster as well as stronger.

They represent an overwhelming majority and in their unerring judgment I rest my case.

Peter Witt

RICHARD KOEPPEL

THE Socialist Labor party has conducted an educational campaign for the principles of revolutionary socialism. It made no propaganda of impotent reforms like municipal ownership, etc., for the sake of of catching the votes of ignorant workingmen. As there is no "short cut" to the Socialist Republic all that can be done now is education and organization.



RICHARD KOEPPEL

We expect no more nor less than the normal progress of such campaign of agitation as it will indicate itself in the increased vote for our candidate for mayor.

Richard Koeppel

MINER G. NORTON

I AM confident I will be elected mayor. I will receive at least 35,000 first choice votes.



MINER G. NORTON.

Although I haven't estimated the second and third choice votes which I believe I will get, I am confident I will receive enough to elect me.

No candidate will win on first choice.

I have made a wonderful gain in the last ten days.

I have drawn from each of the other candidates.

I will carry the East End wards, the sixth, first and third wards by a big vote.

Miner G. Norton

NORTON

Norton, who has conducted his campaign with less noise than any of his opponents, does not appear in the least disturbed by antagonistic estimates that he will not be even runnerup in the race.

He says he will get 35,000 first choice votes and will be elected with second choice ballots. He will, he insists, carry wards one, three and sixth on the West Side and wards nineteen, twenty-five and twenty-six on the East Side, and possibly also the eighteenth and twenty-fourth. He predicts he will get a big vote in the Democratic fourth and fifth wards on the West Side. Davis carried but five wards two years ago and had nearly enough first choice votes to win, Norton says. The Norton forces have also taken polls which they say tell a different story than those taken for Witt and Davis.

SALEN

Salen's campaign managers assert he will have at least 25,000 first choice votes and will win on second or third choice. They have not sought to get polls but say they know where their strength is. Salen has held many private secret meetings in all parts of the city and his lieutenants say the strength of his opposition has been undermined. They say they have the forces behind other candidates worried and that the election result will be a disagreeable surprise to the organizations of both political parties.

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THE CLEVELAND LEADER.

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COMMENT ON CURRENT TOPICS BY READERS

GET THIS?

OCT 3 1915

(For The Leader.)

'Tis said Bob Crosser's hurting Witt
Whene'er he pulls a speech;
At least, that's how some folks see it,
And, murder! but they screech.
Besides, men in the Baker "click"
Want Bulkley dumped for life,
And for this kiss-and-make-up trick
Pete's apt to get the knife.

Witt fought this Congressman for fair;
Still Bob came meekly back,
And now he's handing out hot air
In favor of the "pack."
But maybe Crosser's stunt's a scheme
To land Pete in the soup;
If so, quite clever it does seem,
This plan to split the "group."

JOHN F. HERNE.

A WORD FOR THE S. P.

To the Editor of The Leader.

In Thursday's Leader I read an article headed "The S. P. and the S. L. P." and signed "E. P. H." While "E. P. H." claims that he is a member of neither party and, therefore, should be impartial, his article is entirely in favor of the S. L. P. I, too, am not affiliated with either party, but frankly admit that my sympathies are entirely with the S. P. and, therefore, will vote for Ruthenberg and not for Koeppel.

Mr. Koeppel speaks in the Public Square every afternoon and I have listened to him more than a dozen times. He usually takes the stand after the prohibitionists and then attacks prohibition merely from a social point of view, instead of defending the "wets" as such. I think this is not fair of Koeppel, as this is a fight between "drys" and "wets" and not between capital and labor. I am a "dry" and will vote for prohibition, and I am very glad to see that the Socialist party and its candidate, Mr. Ruthenberg, don't take any stand at all on this question. This is wise because they know they have many Christian people and prohibitionists in their ranks and cannot afford to offend them without loseing votes and sympathy.

I heard Mr. Koeppel say that they are not out "to catch votes by bourgois reforms such as municipal ownership" but carry on an "educational campaign." Education, bosh! If they want to wait till this big mass of ignorant and foolish workingmen are "educated," they will never get votes and office. The workers want to be humbugged, so let us make the most of it. What we want to attract is the sympathy and support of the decent middle-class, who are the deciding factor in politics. We are just as much entitled to public offices and the good salaries attached thereto as any Republican or Democrat. So we must have votes and they can only be gotten by making concessions to popular ideas in the minds of the masses, and one of these ideas is municipal ownership. We know just as well what red Socialism is as does the S. L. P. Our candidate, Mr. Ruthenberg, has time and again in public meetings explicitly declared that municipal ownership is not Socialism and will not help to solve the social problem, but that it is one of the first steps to conquer the political power and to get into office and that is what we want, what we must want.

If municipal ownership is wrong, why does Mr. Peter Witt, who professes to also believe in it, refuse to debate the question with our candidate, Mr. Ruthenberg, who justly calls Mr. Witt a "coward" because of this refusal? But Mr. Koeppel of the Socialist Labor party wants to debate this question with Ruthenberg as I have seen in Koeppel's challenge recently published in The Leader. And why did Ruthenberg not accept? I can only congratulate Ruthenberg that he will have nothing to do with Koeppel. This gentleman would come with his "Scientific Marxian Socialism and Economics," and perhaps do infinite harm to our good cause. We are not dreamers, but want practical politics, upon which alone depends the success and progress of the Socialist party. To be sure, the S. L. P. and its Mr. Koeppel preach correct and sound Socialism, but this Socialism is a thing of the distant future and we want something now, and the way to get it is to get votes and capture public office. S. P. VOTER.

Cleveland, Oct. 28.

TRACTION FACTS

To the Editor of The Leader.

"Municipal ownership, as a policy, is not here at stake. That it might some day be desirable for the city to own the traction system outright was recognized and amply provided for when Tom L. Johnson, Peter Witt, the late Judge Tayler and others worked out the details of the grant that bears the judge's name."—(P. D., Oct. 20.)

An ordinance was prepared by Judge Tayler which bears the date of June 7, 1909. June 11, 1909, only four days later, a leaflet signed by Tom L. Johnson attacked the Tayler grant in bitter terms, which is in part as follows:

"Do the people now riding for three cents want to pay five cents, seven tickets for a quarter and another cent for a transfer?

"The difference between the Baker ordinance and the Tayler ordinance is the difference between an ordinance which safeguards the people and the one which does not.

"When the special privilege crowd realized that the people were determined to own their own streets they offered you, Mr. Car Rider, seven tickets for a quarter and free, universal transfers over the entire system.

"Mr. Car Rider, do you want to settle the street railroad question now on worse terms than the Concon offered years ago?

"Mr. Andrews says a railway cannot be financed on seven-for-a-quarter and free transfers now. He offered this rate some years ago. Which is the truth?

"When the Schmidt three-cent grants are sustained the street car question will be settled within five minutes after the verdict of the people is announced. * * * You won't find the Concon under those circumstances demanding a rate of fare higher within the city than it offered years ago over the entire county.

"The best proof that the Baker ordinance is more favorable to the people than the Tayler ordinance is the fact the Concon rejected the Baker ordinance and accepted the Tayler ordinance.

"The Democratic members of the city council were elected on a three-cent fare street railroad platform. Think of the high-minded, big business interest demanding that your councilman violate his pre-election pledges and threatening him with political annihilation if he refuses to do so! Mr. Car Rider, you should encourage the man you elected to represent your interests in the city council and you should commend his firm stand for your rights."

Other leaflets signed by Tom L. Johnson, of later dates, were distributed, assailing the Tayler grant. Messrs. Johnson, Baker and Witt on the stump told their hearers a vote for the ordinance was a vote for straight three-cent fare and free transfers next January (meaning January 1, 1910) over eight-tenths of the car lines of Cleveland.

Many other flings, too numerous to mention, were made by these three gentlemen (?) against the Tayler franchise.

The Schmidt grant was defeated at a referendum election in August, 1909.

October 1, 1909, a letter was written inviting Judge Tayler to settle the street car question within the terms of the proposed so-called Tayler-plan grant. This letter is signed by Messrs. Witt and Andrews, representing the city and the Cleveland Railway Company.

February 16, 1910, Mr. Johnson's last blow (in so far as the public at large was concerned) at the Tayler grant was published in the Cleveland Press, stating in effect that the franchise is weak in many respects. A better franchise could have been written, and he advised its defeat.

The Leader March 25, 1915, quotes Mr. Witt as blaming the Tayler franchise (and the Republican party) for being for the Tayler grant; in part for the cause of the raise in street car fares.

The foregoing is sufficient to prove who wrote and voted for the Tayler franchise except the ivory-headed fools. T. P. WARNICK.

Cleveland, October 25.

AGAINST "WET" ARGUMENTS

To the Editor of The Leader.

With November 2 but a matter of days and the "wet" and "dry" question again staring us in the face, I will be pardoned, I hope, for using your valuable space in voicing my opinions.

The "arguments" of the "wets" are about as odious as the cause they advocate. Their claim of 100,000 employees for the liquor manufactories in Ohio is nothing short of a wild exaggeration. The United States census for 1909 (quoted by a local sheet) shows that but 5,517 persons (or about one-nineteenth of the number claimed by the "wets") were employed by all the breweries, distilleries and wineries in Ohio.

Their claim that the state can't get along without the liquor tax is simply rot. One good spree would cost the taxpayer more than his taxes would cost him for a year. The cry that prohibition will create "speakeasies" and that there will be violations of the law is amusing. Of course there'll be violations. Was ever a law enacted that was not violated? This argument, pushed home, would simply mean that we should repeal all old laws against murder, robbery and housebreaking, etc., in order that the footpads, "dips," and burglars could carry on their business without "breaking the law."

But of all the rot and all the balderdash ever heard of, the cry "keep your liberty" takes the lead. Of course the "wets" would extend their partiality towards the users of cocaine, morphine and other drugs. Why not? J. O. MALLEY.

Youngstown, O., Oct. 28.

IS CIVIC LEAGUE NONPARTISAN?

To the Editor of The Leader.

Who is the Civic League, or is it Mayo Fesler? He—they—sent out a circular telling people how to vote on some things—especially if Democratic and in the interest of the Cox-Finley bunch. They advise citizens to vote against the Sprague gerrymander bill which will give the Republicans a fair representation in Congress. Any Republican who votes thus votes to cheat his party and give free trade Democrats three Congressmen to one in a state normally 60,000 Republican.

They—he—advise voters to vote against the McDermott bill which proposes to decentralize the control of the saloons, thus removing it from one man power, viz, leaving it in the hands of the governor with which to build and maintain a corrupt machine, if he is so disposed. Unwittingly this Civic League—Mayo F.—is trying to put this power back into the hands of Governor Willis who can use the political club if the Democrats insist on his keeping it. But Governor Willis has kept faith with Ohio and if the opposition, by misrepresentation, defeats the McDermott bill and then gets thumped on the head with its own club it must not howl. J. M.

Youngstown, O., October 27.

THE SINGLE TAX

To the Editor of The Leader.

Mr. Lamar T. Beman believes that if slavery had been abolished by constitutional amendment without war, justice would have called for compensation to the slave-owners.

I contend that if it was not a question of compensation the money should have been paid to the negroes, for two reasons: First, it was they who had been robbed. Second, they were poorer and more helpless and therefore needed the money most.

Mr. Beman pins his faith to Professor Walker, the college professor of political economy who denounced Henry George. Respect for learning and authority is proper if we do not let it close our minds to obvious facts. We should not carry it so far as to place ourselves in a slavish mental attitude. When Professor Walker flourished in academic halls political economy was treated with derision as the "dismal science." It was not a science at all. It was disjointed, crude, uninteresting and helpless. It got us nowhere. Graduates left college with only dazed notions of what it was all about, and it taught many things like the wage fund theory and the Malthusian doctrine, now generally repudiated.

Henry George shook the dry bones of political economy. Teachers of dogma, religious or economic, don't like to be shaken, and there were many startled protests like Professor Walker's. But George's views found welcome in the Knights of Labor organizations, and trades unions today listen to his teachings gladly. It is also spreading rapidly among the so-called intellectual class. It has influenced college teaching in a remarkable manner and would influence college teachers more if it were not for the restraining influence of boards of control, as seen in the case of Scott Nearing, who was dismissed from the University of Pennsylvania.

As the disciples of Henry George present the only plan for a thorough reform of our admittedly clumsy, expensive and unscientific tax system, I still maintain that its critics should bring forward a constructive plan of their own—one that will attempt to meet all the reasonable canons of taxation. However, we single taxers welcome all criticism, believing that there cannot be too much discussion of this fundamental question of government.

O. K. DORN.

CITY AUTOS AGAIN

To the Editor of The Leader.

The stand taken by Councilman Dittrick regarding autos owned by the city and used for electioneering purposes is proper, and it is time a halt was called in using property paid for and maintained by taxation for private purposes. This also refers to city property being used for advertising. The writer, as well as others, knows how county commissioners called the bluff and pretended not to know of such actions, but taxpayers know different.

Such actions are to be condemned and the council should not pass measures as "emergency" and allow money to be used for other purposes than those for which it is appropriated and converted to other uses. When the tax rate was changed to comply with the Smith 1 per cent law the writer, as well as others, was obliged to pay more taxes on property than under the old plan. Officials then said the rate would be lower, and nothing was known of valuations being raised, so that in reality more money was paid than before. Last winter Mayor Baker tried to have the Legislature remove the tax-rate limitation but was not successful. If he had had it passed he would not now have to ask voters to allow the $1,500,000 over-spent money to go on the tax duplicate. This shows how much the Democrats are for us common people and it is time that the voters showed their disapproval of it. By all means let us turn down Witt and his allies next Tuesday and elect a council that will not do the bidding of a boss, when it comes to spending money belonging to the people. These are only a few of the inconsistencies suffered by the people at the hands of the party at present in power.

Cleveland, Oct. 29. A. L.

"SAFETY FIRST" FOR CLEVELAND

To the Editor of The Leader.

Cleveland, on November 2, should play safe, close to the cushion. The street car situation is not the only issue. Witt is not a safe man. A man who fears neither God, man nor devil is always dangerous. Witt, inoculated with the deadly virus of anarchism and atheism, is an unknown quantity.

Witt says: "Salen is always in front of the pie counter." So is Witt. He has had the public teat in his mouth for many years, and likes public pay as well as any man living.

He has not run the street car system in the interests of the public. Witt, of late, has rubbed elbows with the aristocracy and likes the association. And no man is clean who knowingly collects rent from a bawdy house.

Cleveland wants a God-fearing man, not a Pilate who caters to the rabble. If elected mayor, he dare not, as a single taxer, play his hand. The emoluments of office appeal more strongly to him than righteous civicism.

Cleveland, Oct. 28. VOTER.

TOM JOHNSON AND KOHLER

To the Editor of The Leader.

I have been reading Tom Johnson's book, "My Story." Many of us who regarded his policies as questionable in those days when he lived among us are driven now into the belief of the magnificence of his deeds—a fighting and hard-fought man. At this time Fred Kohler comes before us as an aspirant for a political office, clerk of the municipal court. And he comes now just as in the days when he worked side by side with Mr. Johnson, a man whom Mr. Johnson respected and in whom he placed the greatest confidence. Every one knew that Mr. Johnson had the marvelous quality of picking the right man, without general regard to party politics. It was worth and brains and personal ability he sought. When he appointed Fred Kohler chief of police it meant that after keen and close observation he absolutely believed in that man, and his belief never faltered. Mr. Kohler's eyes were nearly the last he smiled into on his death bed, and Mr. Kohler's strong hand was nearly the last that clasped his on this side of the river. Such friendships are so seldom found that they are sacred.

Many of us loved Tom Johnson. All of us—Democrats and Republicans alike—were obliged to honor him as a noble and able man. Has his memory faded so fast in these few years that the people of Cleveland will refuse to give their consideration and their votes to Fred Kohler—Mr. Johnson's tried and trusted friend, whom we know the veteran fighter would be upholding at this time if he were here?

Here's to Fred Kohler, first because he has held his head high through these years of testing, and here's to Tom Johnson's loyalty to his friend, which never faltered as long as life lasted. J. H. L.

Cleveland, October 28.

WITT AND RUTHENBERG

To the Editor of The Leader.

C. E. Ruthenberg, candidate for mayor on the workingmen's ticket, is a citizen of Cleveland, and those who believe in the things that he stands for have the same right to run him for mayor as the Democrats have to run an ex-"workingman," but what I consider one of the many very remarkable things in the present campaign is that this "ex-workingman" ignores the workingman's candidate and still hopes to be elected mayor by workingmen's votes.

Mr. Workingman, if you were running for the job of mayor, have you any reason to believe that this wealthy "ex-workingman" would not ignore you and treat you with contempt?

Can't you see and feel the contempt that is held for workingmen by upstarts who get rich quick like the "ex-workingman" candidate who not very many years ago was poor himself? Don't you realize more than ever before the truth of the old saying:

"When you put beggars on horseback they will ride over you?"

While Pete treats with contempt a workingman running for mayor he is now strong for the minimum wage of $2.50 a day for laborers, but where was he hiding when the Cleveland Federation of Labor and the Ohio Minimum Wage League were trying to have the city council establish that rate for laborers, when the council under instructions from its master, Baker, who talks so eloquently about humanity and the "city on a hill," defeated the proposition?

Where was he when the Minimum Wage League in this column was week after week begging for assistance to help initiate the measure after Baker and his gang turned it down?

Ruthenberg and his associates gathered several thousand signatures to help initiate it, and without their assistance, we would not have had the required percentage of signers to put it up to a vote of the people.

But now, Pete, Harry, Charlie and Miner G. are for it, and not only that but they are for anything from puting an export duty on beef to sending missionaries to the South Sea islands, if you ask them before the polls close next Tuesday.

And now Pete is not only opposing municipal ownership of the street railway system but is asking the people to give the New York Central and Pennsylvania railroad companies land on the lake front worth $20,000,000 and also make a free gift of forty city streets, worth $500,000 to another railroad company, and give Barber and Joe Breitinger a monopoly of the underground use of all of E. 55th st., which will be worth as much to them as the Eads bridge that crosses the Mississippi river at St. Louis is to the Jay Gould interests.

In my opinion, there never was a time in the history of Cleveland that more wholesale robbery of the people was attempted than what this get-rich-quick gang of hypocrites now in control are trying to put over, and yet they still assume the holier-than-thou attitude and continue to prate about humanity and the "city on a hill," etc.

Next Tuesday, I am going to vote for C. E. Ruthenberg for mayor and T. H. Robinson, Socialist, for the council in ward three, because they stand for the things that my old friend Tom Fitzsimmons stood for twenty years ago.

THOMAS J. DOLAN.

Cleveland, Oct. 28.

A LETTER TO THE PRESS

To the Editor of The Leader.

Please find enclosed a copy of a letter which I have written to the Cleveland Press relative to the expose made in The Cleveland News concerning Mr. Witt's connection with a certain disreputable hotel.

This letter they have entirely ignored and would not publish. I therefore kindly ask you to publish this letter, so that the public may know that the Press has been asked to take a hand in the matter, which it evidently refused to do for some reason.

MRS. K. MAIER.

2384 E. 61st st., Cleveland, Oct. 28.

To the Editor of the Cleveland Press.

There appears in today's issue of The Cleveland News an article relating in detail the interest that Peter Witt, candidate for mayor, had in a certain hotel, known to be a house of assignation.

I am very much interested in politics, and have been reading all the news items and editorials the Press has been printing in behalf of Mr. Witt's candidacy. I am a mother and have a boy nine years of age, and as a public-spirited woman, I want to know the truth about this affair.

Since you have been so strongly advocating the candidacy of Mr. Witt, I now consider it your duty to thoroughly investigate this matter and to let the public know just what the facts are, both pro and con.

This should be done before election day, and I feel that if you are public-spirited and trustworthy and truthful with the public, you will waste no time in informing them through the Press, and if you should find that Mr. Witt had an interest in the said hotel, you will be broad-minded enough to withdraw your indorsement of Mr. Witt in favor of any other worthy candidate. MRS. K. MAIER.

Cleveland, Oct. 27.

PROFESSORS AND TAXES

To the Editor of The Leader.

Mr. Beman quotes the late Professor Walker against Henry George. There is this to be said about college professors of political economy: Their ponderous works, so far as taxation is concerned, go in detail into the history of tax laws. They tell what this and that legislature has done in amending such laws. But when it comes to exposition of the principles of taxation, college professors are not to be compared with other writers in clear thinking and courage.

The uninitiated would suppose, on looking at Professor Seligman's mammoth book on taxation, that it is a peculiarly difficult and abstruse subject—one which only the very learned had any business to tackle. Certainly, our college graduates are no better informed on the subject, for practical purposes, than are people who have never attended college. I have talked with college graduates and found that as a rule they feel contempt for the science of political economy and have no knowledge of taxation whatever.

If it were true that political economy and taxation were too difficult for any except a few scholars, then democratic institutions must of necessity be a failure; for taxation is at the foundation of government, and the abuse of the power of taxation brings on social disease.

But political economy is the simplest of the sciences, and its application to legislation on taxation is easy. The man in the shop, and the business man in his office, may grasp the few essential facts and principles quickly.

It is our legislation on taxation which is hard to understand. Our tax laws include so many kinds of taxes, varying in theory, that one has a headache if he tries to classify them.

If college professors are a safe guide in political economy and taxation, why is it we have so much social disease and such a curiously unscientific system of raising public revenue? A scientist is supposed to bring order and exactness into his work. The science of political economy has been cultivated in the college for more than a century, and yet its professors are unable to show us the way out of the tax chaos we are in.

The people must do their own thinking. SINGLETAX.

Cleveland, Oct. 28.

AFRAID OF AUTOMOBILES

To the Editor of The Leader.

I am a daily reader of your paper and I cannot understand why something is not said about automobiles as well as liquor being a detriment to our community. Our nation is automobile drunk today. They are killing and maiming more of our best citizens each day than our liquor traffic. Go down to our courthouse and find what per cent of cases are caused by auto, maiming and killing the public, especially the women and children suffer.

Notice the families in which the auto is the cause of financial troubles. And what will be the state of affairs if things keep on going for years to come as they have in the past few years? It is appalling to say the least.

A DAILY READER.

Cleveland, Oct. 28.

WITT'S LOGIC

To the Editor of The Leader.

It must be the owners of comic papers who object to the mayor's campaign now on the tapis. Their trade is probably lagging. Was there ever anything so funny? Mr. Witt is witty. He made many friends when the public was dissatisfied with his Euclid Beach schedule. He said if they didn't like it they could walk. Such logic! Great mind at all events.

Cleveland, Oct. 28. L. S.

DOES CLEVELAND WANT LAKEWOOD?

To the Editor of The Leader.

Greater Cleveland should contain Lakewood and East Cleveland. But talk to taxpayers in either city and you get the answer: "Not as long as Pete Witt and his gang run Cleveland."

This crowd has no sense of limitation in expenses. They figure in millions and billions—to spend. They don't know where it is coming from, but they spend it for every fool fad that they can concoct. "Pete" has dictated certain terms in a new street car franchise for Lakewood which the committee admits is not to their liking, but they want people to vote for it, because if Pete is elected mayor of Cleveland "he'll get you if you don't watch out" and vote for his franchise. They seem to talk as if this were the last hope; that unless this particular franchise is adopted there would never be another, and that Peter Witt would not even give us any more of his old open cattle cars to ride in, but that Clifton blvd. victims would forever have to walk. Well, let us walk or use jitneys, or anything else, but not bend the knee to the bullying, boisterous, vicious Pete Witt. And, if Cleveland wants to grow in size by additions of her suburbs and use some sense of moderation in the expenditure of money for essentials only, then defeat Peter Witt and his crowd by an overwhelming vote.

Lakewood does not love Pete, nor his dog, nor his old freight cars he gives us to ride in, nor his rotten service, nor his new franchise, and she will flock by herself as long as Cleveland is his plaything.

Lakewood, Oct. 27. CLIFTON.

PETER AND PAP

To the Editor of The Leader.

The funniest thing in the campaign is the effort of the afternoon newspaper which is using Witt to further its own interests, to pose him before the public as a workingman. The whole town knows that for ten or twelve years he has lived on the pap sucked from fat public offices which he has obtained by the sweat of his jaw and the contortions of his tongue. X.

Cleveland, Oct. 28.

WITT AND THE KAISER

To the Editor of The Leader.

Since Peter Witt has gone out of his way to tell a crowd of German-Americas that he hopes the kaiser will win the war, it is only fair to inquire whether voters of other nationalities are going to give their support to a man who finds nothing that turns his stomach in the sinking of the Lusitania and the provoked devastation of Belgium.

By the way, "Pete" is an extreme foe of national preparedness. He would abolish the army and cripple or give up the navy and leave the United States helpless before what he hopes will be a victorious Germany—with a grudge against this country. Fine patriot to vote for, isn't he? AMERICAN.

PETE AND POSSIBLE PATENTS.

To the Editor of The Leader.

Pete Witt, being employed by the city of Cleveland (a corporation) as expert traction official, would not patents on improvements to city transportation taken out by him while an employee of the corporation belong to the corporation (city of Cleveland)?

I understand that this is the case with other corporations. Why not this one? READER.

Cleveland, Oct. 27.

"BOOST" OR "KNOCK"?

To the Editor of The Leader.

Mr. Witt's morning organ, in a rather forced editorial on Friday, said: "Pete Witt is the candidate for mayor best fitted by experience and by the character of his public record to sit in the mayor's office in succession to Newton D. Baker."

Should this be interpreted as weak praise or a most vigorous "knock"?

Cleveland, Oct. 29. H. M.

WITT AND THE EASTLAND

By the way, why doesn't Pete Witt tell the public how much he got from the slot machines operated on the Eastland while he was one of the owners and managers of that death trap, before the authorities stopped the use of such gambling devices?

ANTIHYPOCRISY.

Cleveland, Oct. 28.

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Witt Sure of Success

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PETER WITT.

Davis Predicts Victory

The great question to be decided by the people next Tuesday is, "Shall the policy of the Baker administration be indorsed and Mr. Witt chosen mayor, or shall their extravagant, inefficient and unbusiness-like conduct of the city's affairs be rebuked and myself elected?"

Economy must be the watchword now. Until relief can be secured the city must be operated on the funds available. To do this will require elimination of all unnecessary expense; not a penny can be wasted. Only such men as are capable to perform these tasks, whether large or small, will be chosen by me, and no more of them than are absolutely necessary for the work to be done.

Mr. Witt stands for the present policy of borrowing money to pay operating expenses, many of which have been, and, under him, will continue to be, wastefully made. My policy is the opposite one—let the city live within its means.

The campaign is practically closed. The tax payers and those who pay the city's running expenses have weighed the tax spenders in the balance and found them wanting.

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HARRY L. DAVIS.

Norton Also Optimistic

I expect to have at least 35,000 first choice votes and to be elected mayor of Cleveland next Tuesday.

MINER G. NORTON.

Salen Says He'll Win

I will be elected mayor on Tuesday because the people are arroused to the extravagances and abuses which have grown into our city government and see no relief except through the election of a non-partisan candidate.

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BOARD TO PAY FOR COMPILING VOTE FIGURES

Members Decide to Foot Bill, Declaring Turner Ruling Would Delay Returns Week.

OCT 31 1915 LEADER

Election board members decided yesterday that rather than let the public wait a week for complete returns from Tuesday's election they would themselves foot the bills for emergency clerk hire.

The board was dumbfounded yesterday to receive an opinion from Attorney General Turner, handed down by request of State Auditor Donahey, that it could not pay more than $3.33 a day for extra clerks employed to tabulate and add the election returns. The opinion said such employees could be paid at a rate not to exceed $100 a month. The Cleveland board in order to obtain quick and accurate results of the election must employ about thirty expert accountants, and for this work they obtain the service of bank clerks.

These accountants receive from $10 to $15, according to the number of hours they are employed, the total cost of their service being about $300.

President Orgill said if they could not get help the count could not be completed within a week. On the suggestion of Member McDonough the board decided that the public should not be kept waiting for the result of the election, and that the necessary assistants be employed. If the county auditor refuses to pay the bills the board will fight the matter in the courts, and if it loses, the members agreed to pay the clerk hire from their own pockets.

Many Clubs to Get Returns.

Arrangements have been made by many political and social clubs for receiving the returns from the election Tuesday. The official returns will be received by the board of elections, but, in order that nothing shall interfere with the progress of the count, the usual precautions will be taken to prevent the overcrowding of the rooms of the board in the city hall. The returns will be received and tabulated in the office of the assistant clerks, and will be sent from there to the clerks' room, where they will be given to the newspaper reporters and representatives of the telephone and telegraph companies.

Elaborate preparations have been made by the Democratic committee to receive returns early from its representatives in the voting booths. These unofficial returns will be received and tabulated by accountants at Democratic headquarters, in the Engineers building, from where they will be telephoned to the mayor's office, in the city hall, and to Peter Witt's office, in the Leader-News building. Mayor Baker and other officials will get the returns at the city hall, while Witt will receive them at his office.

Returns will be received, also, at Harry L. Davis' headquarters, 71 Schofield building; at Miner G. Norton's office, 504 Society for Saving building; at Charles P. Salen's headquarters, 324 W. Superior ave., and at Socialist headquarters, 737 Prospect ave., where C. E. Ruthenberg will spend the evening.

The dry campaign committee will receive bulletins on the vote for and against state prohibition at 310 American Trust building and the wets at their office, 608 Cuyahoga building.

Among the organizations which will receive returns are the Tippecanoe Club, Engineers building; the Western Reserve Club, E. 55th st., near Cedar ave., and the Cleveland Athletic Club. Returns will also be received by the South End Chamber of Commerce at its building, 8947 Broadway.

Rules Governing Special Deputies.

Special deputy sheriffs sent to the election precincts next Tuesday at the request of the dry campaign committee or other organizations, must have certificates as witnesses or challengers if they remain in the voting booths. Unless they are armed with such papers they will not be permitted within 100 feet of the polling places unless called upon by election officers to preserve peace and good order in the booths.

These are instructions given yesterday by the election board. The board also decided that under the law witnesses and challengers for each mayoralty candidate and for the wets and drys would be permitted in the voting booths unless the rooms were so crowded that the work of the election officers was hampered. In the event a limit has to be put upon the number of witnesses and challengers preference is to be shown the representatives of the mayoralty candidates.

The mayoralty campaigns of Davis and Salen will close tomorrow night, each of these candidates speaking at tent meetings. The Davis meeting will be in Kinsman rd. in the southeastern section of the city, and the Salen meeting in Dalton rd. at W. 41st st. in the southwestern section.

Today both of these candidates will be on the stump. Davis addressing an audience in the East End at the Venice theater, and Salen speaking down town at Acme hall. Salen's meeting will follow a conference with his ward leaders at his campaign headquarters, 326 W. Superior ave.

Witt closed his main campaign last night but he is billed to speak to the Witt Labor Club this afternoon and at a meeting in Royal hall tonight. He will also talk tomorrow night at a South Side hall meeting arranged by Howell Wright, superintendent of the City hospital, at which there will be red fire and band music.

The final rally of the Socialist campaign will be held today at the auditorium in the Engineers building, the speakers being the mayoralty candidate, C. E. Ruthenberg, and Oscar Amenngor, national lecturer of the Socialist party.

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SALEN DISGRACED. DECLARES BAKER

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Baker told a crowd in Royal hall, 5217 Woodland ave., that Salen had "disgraced himself and the city of Cleveland by his attempts to stir up scandal in this campaign." He arraigned Davis for his methods, declaring he had failed to meet Witt in an intelligent discussion of the real issues of the campaign.

"And now," Baker continued, "the opposition has resorted to an eleventh-hour misrepresentation by attempting to arouse class and religious prejudice against Mr. Witt."

All afternoon a line of ward leaders and precinct captains filed into Democratic headquarters, in the Engineers building, receiving instructions for tomorrow. Each was given an electors' list, sample ballots, Witt badges and challengers' certificates. Tonight meetings of workers will be held in each ward, and every man will be paid for his efforts by ward leaders.

James F. Malley, chairman of the executive committee of the Peter Witt Labor Club, in addressing 500 members of that organization in the American house yesterday, declared that the labor vote is almost 90 per cent in favor of Witt.

Witt will appear tonight at a celebration of the Seventh Ward Republican Club, at Zabel's hall, W. 14th st. and Auburn ave. Besides Witt, Mayor Baker, James Metzenbaum and the county prosecutor will talk.

AND DRYS FORECAST VICTORY

PLAIN DEALER

My election will be acomplished by first and second choice votes.

CHARLES P. SALEN.

Wets See Big Gain Here

One year ago prohibition was defeated in Cuyahoga county by a majority of 44,710 votes. A total of 80,913 votes were cast against prohibition in this county, and 36,203 votes for the proposition. There has been an increase in the registered voting strength in this city of approximately 4,000.

We believe prohibition will receive a smaller vote this year, because the vast majority thought it had been settled last year.

We expect to defeat prohibition in Cuyahoga county this year by 60,000 or better.

S. T. HAAS.

'Socialist Labor to Gain'

The Socialist Labor party in the educational campaign which it has conducted for the principles of revolutionary socialism, has made no propaganda of impotent reforms like municipal ownership. It has not attempted to catch the vote of the ignorant workingman by that means. All that can be done towards the Socialist republic is to educate and organize.

We expect no more nor no less than the normal progress of such campaign of agitation. It will indicate itself in an increased vote for our candidate for mayor.

RICHARD KOEPPEL.

Drys Forecast Victory

We believe that the outcome of the election on next Tuesday will result in the adoption of the dry amendment in Ohio, because of the different attitude of the people at the street meetings in Cleveland and the entire change of sentiment expressed by those attending meetings in all other large Ohio cities.

The passage by the legislature of the Kramer honest election law since last year gives us two challengers for each booth, and other protection against fraud in wet centers.

It is further apparent that the threat of the boycott, used by the liquor interests to some effect last year, has lost its weight altogether this year with business men.

The wet majority of Cleveland last year will be reduced one-half. The word has come within the past twenty-four hours that the wet majority in Cincinnati will not go over two-thirds of the majority of last year. The reports from all the counties in the state, besides Cuyahoga and Hamilton, especially the twenty-five dry counties that were made wet by home rule, indicate a gain of at least 50,000 or more for the dry amendment.

DAVID W. TEACHOUT,
Chairman Dry Campaign Committee.

Socialist Predicts Gain

We polled 5,768 votes in 1913 and I am convinced the vote this year will run very little short of 10,000. I am closing my campaign with the Sunday afternoon meeting in the Engineers' auditorium, which we expect to be our biggest meeting this year.

Our organization always has been strong in every ward and since the last election, we have increased the paid membership of the party from 700 to 1,100. We count on ten votes from sympathizers to each member we have enrolled.

C. E. RUTHENBERG,
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We believe prohibition will receive a smaller vote this year, because the vast majority thought it had been settled last year.

We expect to defeat prohibition in Cuyahoga county this year by 60,000 or better.

S. T. HAAS.

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The Socialist Labor party in the educational campaign which it has conducted for the principles of revolutionary socialism, has made no propaganda of impotent reforms like municipal ownership. It has not attempted to catch the vote of the ignorant workingman by that means. All that can be done towards the Socialist republic is to educate and organize.

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We believe that the outcome of the election on next Tuesday will result in the adoption of the dry amendment in Ohio, because of the different attitude of the people at the street meetings in Cleveland and the entire change of sentiment expressed by those attending meetings in all other large Ohio cities.

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It is further apparent that the threat of the boycott, used by the liquor interests to some effect last year, has lost its weight altogether this year with business men.

The wet majority of Cleveland last year will be reduced one-half. The word has come within the past twenty-four hours that the wet majority in Cincinnati will not go over two-thirds of the majority of last year. The reports from all the counties in the state, besides Cuyahoga and Hamilton, especially the twenty-five dry counties that were made wet by home rule, indicate a gain of at least 50,000 or more for the dry amendment.

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We polled 5,768 votes in 1913 and I am convinced the vote this year will run very little short of 10,000. I am closing my campaign with the Sunday afternoon meeting in the Engineers' auditorium, which we expect to be our biggest meeting this year.

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The cartoon published Oct. 18 exposed him to "ridicule, hatred, disgrace and contempt," Salen alleges.

Calls It "False Caricature."

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Representatives of Many Nationalities See "Roorback" as Move Which Will Help Rather Than Hurt Witt's Chances.

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Editors of Cleveland's foreign-language newspapers and representative citizens of many nationalities Monday denounced an eleventh-hour attack upon Pete Witt's mayoralty candidacy.

The attack was contained in a four-page pamphlet of newspaper size, printed in English and seven other languages, 60,000 copies of which were spread broadcast over the city Sunday.

This pamphlet, which contains many cartoons, asks Witt's defeat on the ground that he is of German descent and has made pro-German utterances.

Denouncement of this move against Witt was made by representatives of various nationalities on the ground that Witt is an American, has lived all his life in Cleveland, and that his father, who was a German, became an American citizen and was one of the first men to answer Lincoln's call for volunteers in the civil war.

The pamphlet, headed The Loyal Citizen, bears the line "Published by the Loyal Citizens League of the United States." Some of the pamphlets also bear the following, rubber-stamped: "I. J. Krivokapitch, secretary." On the second page, following a long attack upon Witt, it contains this paragraph:

"A vote for Davis is a vote against kaiserism in America. To make the protest against Peter Witt and kaiserism in America effective, vote for Harry L. Davis, for first choice. Vote only for first choice."

Davis disclaimed all knowledge of the printing or circulating of the pamphlet, but did not say he was sorry it was circulated. He said: "It is my opinion that this paper is only the natural outcome of Mr. Witt's pro-German statement made after a gathering of a German-American society two weeks ago."

Here is what editors of papers and other citizens said about the pamphlet Monday:

Carl Fuks, editor of the Svet, Cleveland daily Bohemian newspaper, said: "The attack on Witt was cowardly. It was brought in at the eleventh hour with the apparent attempt to give Witt no chance to answer it. Race prejudice and the European war should not be brought into Cleveland politics. Issuance of the pamphlet has helped rather than hurt Witt among Bohemians. Our paper will print an editorial condemning the attack."

Louis J. Pirc, editor of the Clevelandska Amerika, Slovenian newspaper, said: "It was unfair to issue the paper at the last minute, giving Witt no opportunity to refute it. The war should not be brought into politics here. I do not think it has hurt Witt with the Slovenian people here, tho."

Joseph Sawicky, president of the Polish-American chamber of industry, said: "Playing politics in this dirty way will not get anything for the men behind it. If anything, this stab in the back at Witt is going to cause people among our folk to vote for him who had not expected to do so. It may have the effect they desired in a few isolated cases. But the Polish people long ago made up their mind as to who was the best candidate for mayor and nothing now is going to make them change it. They'll pay no attention to this kind of dirty politics. We know Witt as an American, born and raised in Cleveland."

Woldemar von Nostitz, editor of the Waechter and Anzeiger, German daily, said: "This attack on Peter Witt will make many votes for him and take them away from his opponents. Every fair-minded voter in Cleveland will emphatically condemn this eleventh-hour campaign attack. If Harry Davis wishes to base his claim for the office of mayor of Cleveland on his love for the czar, let it be so. Let the question be: Must the next mayor of Cleveland be loyal to the czar of Russia? And must he have insulted every citizen of German, Austrian and Hungarian descent?"

F. Melaragno, editor of the Voice of the People, Italian newspaper, said: "We certainly cannot approve of any eleventh-hour attack. The European war isn't an issue in this mayoralty campaign, and certainly shouldn't be made an issue. We all are Americans here."

A. Wielowiejski, editor of the Polish weekly Jutrzenka, said: "This effort to bring racial prejudice into the mayoralty fight is going to do the originators more harm than it will good among the Polish people. Our people realize that it is a weak-kneed effort on the part of politicians to hurt Witt at the last stage of the fight. Our people were strong for Witt before. This has made them stronger."

Statement by Witt.

Witt said this Monday:

"Since the days of Tom Johnson, when we elevated politics to a higher plane, when principles took the place of pelf, when issues were discussed rather than slander peddled, the political 'roorback', once notorious, went out of use in Cleveland.

"It is not surprising, however, that my enemies should resort to its use for they are nothing and stand for still less. They will know on Wednesday as will everybody else that the voting intelligence of this community can't be "worked" with such a disgraceful attempt as was made in trying to stir up racial prejudice of which I have none. To me a man's a man regardless of creed, color, nationality or descent.

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"Need I say more?

Father a Revolutionist.

"My father was a German revolutionist of 1848, a compatriot of Carl Schurz. He came to this country as an exile. Being for freedom there, he had to be for liberty here and at once became an abolitionist. When Sumter was fired upon and President Lincoln called for 75,000 volunteers, my father was one of the first to enlist. Tho he had reached the age of forty and left my mother behind with four children. She made a living sewing cavalry trousers for 40 cents a pair."

He Printed It.

F. J. Svoboda, editor of the American, a Bohemian daily, said Monday he printed the pamphlet attacking Witt at the request of I. J. Krivokapitch, secretary of the loyal citizens league of the United States.

"I am a member of the loyal citizens league," said Svoboda Monday. "We have 100 members in Cleveland. We printed about 60,000 copies of the pamphlet. I was paid to do the printing by Krivokapitch."

Svoboda said Krivokapitch could not be reached till Monday afternoon.

Witt's Remark.

Here is the remark by Witt before the German-American alliance Oct. 17 that is made the basis of the attack:

"I disagree with Roosevelt's criticism of the hyphenated American. With the European lunacy now going on, it is utterly impossible for a German, an Englishman, a Frenchman, an Italian, Russian or Hungarian to forget his fatherland.

"Blood is still thicker than water. I hope and trust that the wholesale murder will end in a draw, so that the ones responsible for this hellish work may look at it with all its grewsome horror. If that cannot be, if victory must come and I must choose between the ignorant Russia and intelligent Germany, there is but one thing for me to do, and that is to cast my lot with the kaiser."

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In case of uncertainty as to the effect of propositions submitted to the voters, give Cleveland the benefit of the doubt. Vote for progress. Support plans for making this great urban center more fully equal to its opportunities and its needs. Widen its facilities for doing business. Meet its obligations to its school children. Indorse measures which will increase the usefulness of the lake front and give strangers a fairer and truer impression of the city when they enter it by the railroads which offer to make a great union depot a fact, at last.

This is the course which the Cleveland spirit dictates. It is in harmony with Cleveland's past and it will aid, not hinder, the realization of the reasonable expectations of loyal citizens for the future of the Sixth City, soon to be the fifth or even the fourth.

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"During my many years in Cleveland I have had relations with all persons of all races and religions. My cosmopolitanism has been remarked upon by persons of all varieties.

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Witt pointed out also that he named Tom Sidlo, who is of Bohemian descent, as his secretary when he became tractioner, and that Frank Sindelar, also of Bohemian parentage, is an employe in his office.

DAVIS CONDONES RACIAL WITT BLOW

Says Democrat Must Expect Paper Attack After Lauding Germans.

Bulkley Replies Davis Cannot Fool Public by Neutrality Pose.

While denying that he or the Davis campaign committee engineered the maneuver, Harry L. Davis yesterday undertook to condone and justify a violent eleventh hour attack on racial grounds directed in the Republican's behalf against Peter Witt.

The attack was uncovered by the Democratic county executive committee Saturday night, when members discovered a four-page folder, newspaper size, caricaturing the German and Austrian emperors and Mr. Witt and asking votes for Mr. Davis, had been printed and was to be circulated too late for Mr. Witt to answer.

R. J. Bulkley, Democratic executive committee chairman, at once wrote Mr. Davis, asking the candidate to see that the paper was circulated yesterday instead of today so Mr. Witt could defend himself, and inviting the Republican to communicate with Mr. Bulkley if Mr. Davis did not know of the paper's preparation.

Davis Answers Bulkley.

Answering Mr. Bulkley yesterday in a letter which Mr. Davis took occasion to read in a meeting of Italians on Mayfield-rd S. E., the Republican denied connection with the publication, and set forth it was his opinion "that this paper is only the natural outcome of Mr. Witt's pro-German statement made public after a gathering of a German-American society two weeks ago."

This was immediately answered in turn by another letter from Chairman Bulkley, who in part referred to a paragraph in Mr. Davis' letter saying the Republicans stood for "upholding the hands of the president in his effort to maintain strict neutrality."

Mr. Bulkley said in view of statements made by Davis campaigners that election of Mr. Davis would help elect a Republican president next year, the Wilson paragraph of the Davis letter would "fool nobody."

The paper in question is headed "The Loyal Citizen," and in a half dozen languages it assails Mr. Witt as pro-German and declares in English, "A Vote for Davis is a Vote Against Kaiserism in America."

The paper bears an inscription to the effect it was issued by "The Loyal Citizens' League of the United States, by L. J. Krivokapitch, secretary." Mr. Krivokapitch is a Serbian prominent among those of his race in Cleveland, and last night issued a statement denying that Mr. Davis or his committee had any connection with the movement and defended the publication in view of a statement for which he quoted Mr. Witt.

This was the letter sent Mr. Bulkley yesterday by Mr. Davis:

"In reply to your letter relative to a paper printed in the interest of my candidacy, wish to say that neither myself nor my committee has had anything to do with the printing or circulating of this paper.

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After receiving your letter I secured a copy of the paper that [illegible] committee and find that it is issued by the Loyal Citizens' League of the United States and signed by L. J. Krivokapitch, secretary. I also learn that this league is made up of men who believe that the European war should not have been made an issue in the campaign, and I am of the same opinion.

Mr. Witt should not have expressed a desire that the Germans win in the terrible conflict now going on across the seas. I am for upholding the hands of the president in his effort to maintain strict neutrality. The next mayor must be mayor of all the people.

Mr. Witt did say that he hoped the Germans would win, and such statement was a deliberate appeal to race and national prejudice and as a result of his statement he secured the endorsement of the German-American alliance, who are writing to all their members, asking them to support Mr. Witt's candidacy.

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When I think of the literature issued by your committee, especially the pamphlet which refers to the way I conducted the treasurer's office, and which you knew was not true, I am surprised that you now talk of fair play; I didn't think your committee knew anything about fair play, if you did you would not have resorted to making false statements concerning my candidacy.

Mr. Bulkley replied to Mr. Davis as follows:

The answer which you have made to my letter of this morning has been communicated to me by friends who attended your Italian meeting at the Venice theater. It confirms our opinion of you which we have been trying to impress upon the voters of Cleveland: you are too honorable to take any personal part in the preparation or circulation of a scurrilous eleventh hour attack based on race prejudice, yet too easy to denounce and repudiate it when it is done in your interest.

You say that you have read the paper to which I have called your attention and that it seems to you only the natural outcome of a statement credited to Mr. Witt, and you express the belief that the so-called league which issued this publication is made up of men who believe that the European war should not have been made an issue in this campaign.

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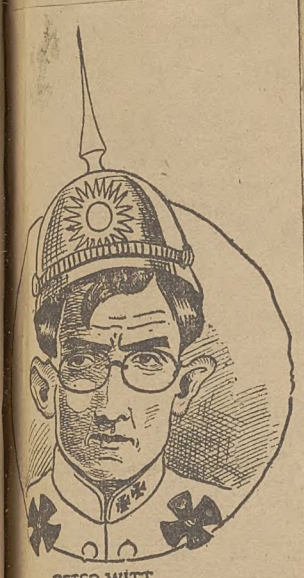
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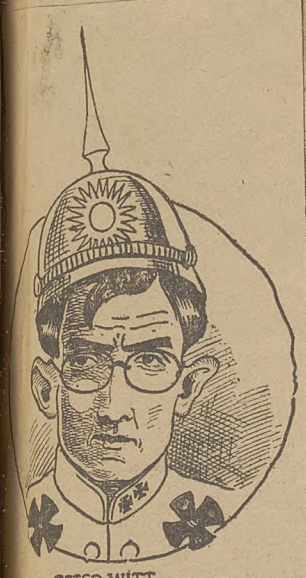
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While denying that he or the Davis campaign committee engineered the maneuver, Harry L. Davis yesterday undertook to condone and justify a violent eleventh hour attack on racial grounds directed in the Republican's behalf against Peter Witt.

The attack was uncovered by the Democratic county executive committee Saturday night, when members discovered a four-page folder, newspaper size, caricaturing the German and Austrian emperors and Mr. Witt and asking votes for Mr. Davis, had been printed and was to be circulated too late for Mr. Witt to answer.

R. J. Bulkley, Democratic executive committee chairman, at once wrote Mr. Davis, asking the candidate to see that the paper was circulated yesterday instead of today so Mr. Witt could defend himself, and inviting the Republican to communicate with Mr. Bulkley if Mr. Davis did not know of the paper's preparation.

Davis Answers Bulkley.

Answering Mr. Bulkley yesterday in a letter which Mr. Davis took occasion to read in a meeting of Italians on Mayfield-rd S. E., the Republican denied connection with the publication, and set forth it was his opinion "that this paper is only the natural outcome of Mr. Witt's pro-German statement made public after a gathering of a German-American society two weeks ago."

This was immediately answered in turn by another letter from Chairman Bulkley, who in part referred to a paragraph in Mr. Davis' letter saying the Republicans stood for "upholding the hands of the president in his effort to maintain strict neutrality."

Mr. Bulkley said in view of statements made by Davis campaigners that election of Mr. Davis would help elect a Republican president next year, the Wilson paragraph of the Davis letter would "fool nobody."

The paper in question is headed "The Loyal Citizen," and in a half dozen languages it assails Mr. Witt as pro-German and declares in English, "A Vote for Davis is a Vote Against Kaiserism in America."

The paper bears an inscription to the effect it was issued by "The Loyal Citizens' League of the United States, by L. J. Krivokapitch, secretary." Mr. Krivokapitch is a Serbian prominent among those of his race in Cleveland, and last night issued a statement denying that Mr. Davis or his committee had any connection with the movement and defended the publication in view of a statement for which he quoted Mr. Witt.

This was the letter sent Mr. Bulkley yesterday by Mr. Davis:

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It is my opinion, however, that this paper is only the natural outcome of Mr. Witt's pro-German statement made public after a gathering of a German-American society two weeks ago.

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Mr. Witt should not have expressed a desire that the Germans win in the terrible conflict now going on across the seas. I am for upholding the hands of the president in his effort to maintain strict neutrality. The next mayor must be mayor of all the people.

Mr. Witt did say that he hoped the Germans would win, and such statement was a deliberate appeal to race and national prejudice and as a result of his statement he secured the endorsement of the German-American alliance, who are writing to all their members, asking them to support Mr. Witt's candidacy.

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Mr. Bulkley replied to Mr. Davis as follows:

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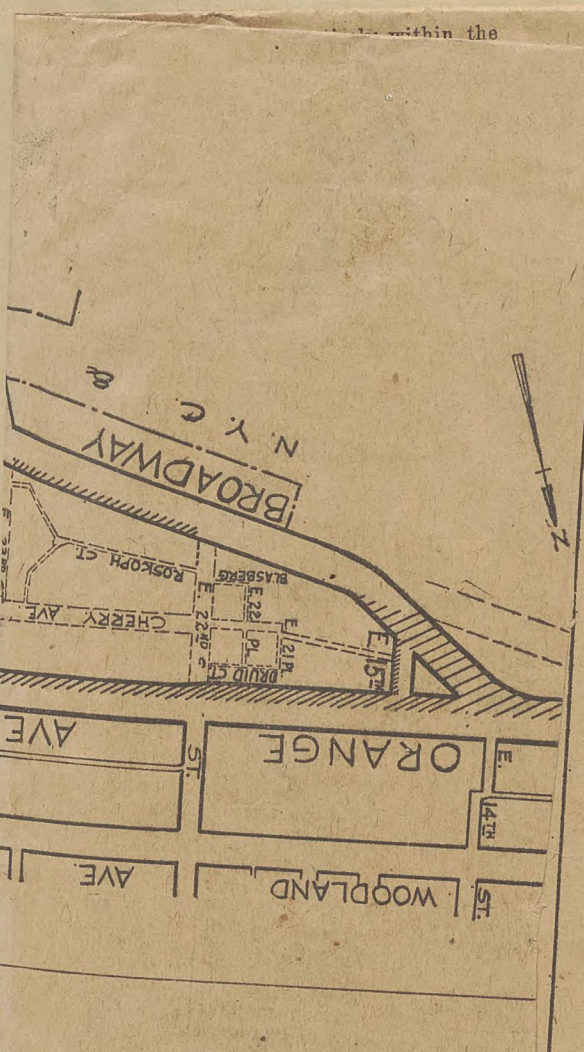
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uments Answered

It is stated that the C. & Y. freight-terminal will create a strip 3,000 feet long without intersecting streets.

People who criticize should at least read the ordinance. Section 2-53 provides for public travel by a bway or overhead structure from Pittsburgh Avenue Orange Avenue at approximately the present location of East 23d Street, whenever the City Council all so direct. In case of our failure to comply with is demand, the section provides for arbitration just the provisions of the Tayler grant are arbitrated, d we are bound by the decision of the arbitrators.

Above we have given you the arguments advanced, tensibly in the interest of the city, by an organization which but eight members are known. Is this organization wiser and more keenly alive to the welfare the city than the city government and the great representative business and labor organizations that have dorsed the C. & Y. ordinance? Or is it concealing ivate ends under the mask of solicitude for the city?

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of October, 1915.
U. W. HIRD, Notary Public.

A Dastardly Eleventh Hour Attack.

The eleventh hour attempt of opponents of Peter Witt to inject a European racial issue into the mayoralty contest in Cleveland is dastardly. It can only betoken extreme desperation on the part of its authors and those responsible for its publication.

There can be no excuse for launching new charges at this late hour. The incident upon which is based this cowardly attack occurred weeks ago. Had it been deemed reprehensible, it would not have been left unnoticed till the closing hours of the campaign. It would have been instantly rebuked.

Were a mayor to be elected on this racial issue raised at the eleventh hour by supporters of Harry L. Davis it would be a calamity to a city which prides itself upon the harmony prevailing among its hundreds of thousands of cosmopolitan people. It would set back the hands of progress.

Be it said to the discredit of Davis that he does not repudiate this base attack on his chief opponent. On the contrary he condones the publication and accepts responsibility for its results.

No angle of the European war concerns the Cleveland mayoralty issue in the slightest degree. We have confidence that the intelligence and patriotism of the voters will rise superior to such tactics as resorted to by these anonymous enemies of Peter Witt.

Candidates and Issues.

Readers of the Plain Dealer are familiar with its policy of years to give them its very best judgment upon political candidates and issues.

The present campaign, though marking an "off year" in Ohio politics, is remarkable for the large number of questions referred to the voters for decision. The Plain Dealer has from time to time discussed issues and candidacies. It has neither indorsed nor opposed without giving the reasons which prompted the judgment.

With the idea that readers of these campaign discussions may wish them summarized at the end, the Plain Dealer this morning repeats its recommendations. It is the Plain Dealer's best judgment, then, that the people's interests will be served by deciding the pending issues in this fashion:

Elect Peter Witt mayor of Cleveland.

Elect a city council that will work in harmony with the new mayor.

For the board of education elect Mrs. Virginia D. Green, F. William Steffen and Mark L. Thomsen.

For chief justice of the Cleveland municipal court elect William H. McGannon. For the six-year term elect George P. Baer, Maurice Bernstein and Samuel H. Kramer. For the four-year term elect three of these four: George E. Hagenbuch, Albert R. Manning, Virgil J. Terrell and Fred P. Walther. For clerk of this court, Peter J. Henry is entitled to re-election.

The assessorship is a ward office in each case, and the Plain Dealer makes no recommendations.

Four amendments to the state constitution are submitted. The Plain Dealer believes that good public policy demands the approval of the amendment to exempt state and local bonds from taxation. Defeat of the other three—the so-called "stability" measure which would limit the use of the initiative and referendum on constitutional amendments, the dry amendment and the amendment extending the terms of county officials now in office—is recommended.

Two acts passed by the legislature last winter are submitted for approval or disapproval. We believe that the interests of the state demand the rejection of the McDermott law. The Sprague "gerrymander" act presents a purely partisan issue in which the Plain Dealer takes no interest.

The amendment to the Cleveland city charter granting to newly annexed territory separate representation in the council is an act of fairness and should be adopted.

The other purely local questions naturally fall into groups. Three may be called transportation issues, since they deal with the city's railroad facilities. They are the ordinances authorizing the construction of the Union station and settlement of long standing lake front controversies, authorizing the construction of the so-called Barber subway and authorizing the building of the Cleveland & Youngstown freight terminal. All three deserve popular approval.

Five bond issues for the carrying forward of much needed public improvements are submitted. For grade crossing elimination $1,600,000 is asked, for making up a deficiency in running expenses occasioned by declining city revenues $1,500,000 is asked, for constructing new school buildings and increasing the capacity of others $1,000,000 is asked, for extending Carnegie-av eastward $300,000 is asked, for building comfort stations $100,000 is asked. The Plain Dealer is convinced that every one of these projects is worthy of popular indorsement.

In order to complete the sewage disposal system ordered by the state board of health a special tax levy is urged. For helping out operating expenses in the school department another special levy is submitted. An affirmative vote in each case will best serve the interests of the public.

Neither public health, safety nor convenience call for the purchase of the Cleveland street railway system at this time. The Plain Dealer recommends that this proposal be defeated.

Here is a long list of questions for decision at the polls tomorrow. Each voter will need every resource at his command to make his ballot count on the side of good government.

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	FOR THE ORDINANCE
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	FOR THE ISSUE OF BONDS
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To amend Section 28 of the Charter of the city of Cleveland in order to give separate representation in the City Council to newly annexed territory.

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The issues contained on this, the biggest of the ballots to be voted, intimately concern the welfare of Cleveland.

Familiarize yourselves with this ballot. Decide how you wish to vote on each question before you leave for the polls.

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Salen

SALEN TAKES HAND IN 'SKINNING' GAME

The hitherto "uncalled for reserves" will spring a "mighty big surprise" upon Peter Witt and the Democratic organization on election day, Charles P. Salen promised in addressing a meeting of 600 workers in his cause at Acme hall yesterday afternoon.

In the same hall where a month ago Witt declared his intentions of "skinning a skunk." Witt received the most bitter denunciation, both as to his character and principles, that he has received since the campaign opened. He was called a deceiver, "assassin of character," "hypocrite" and "tawdry demagogue."

Even Mayor Baker was not spared in the general denunciation of the Democratic machine, Salen applying to him a new title, that of "Nearly Done" Baker.

"Victory is ahead for our cause," shouted Salen to his workers. "We started our campaign modestly and we have become so formidable that the opposition newspapers are directing all their attacks upon my candidacy. That is an admission of our strength.

"Since we started our offensive campaign ten days ago with an exposé of the extravagances of the present administration and the true character of the machine candidate, we have driven Witt to his last trench. And when I call upon our reserves, hitherto unneeded, somebody will be mighty surprised on the other side.

"I am going to give Newty Baker a new title, that of 'Nearly Done' Baker, because he is almost through as a political factor. His city on the hill has crumbled and all that is left is a $1,500,000 deficit."

Salen then reviewed his attack on Witt's ownership of the Norman hotel and reiterated his charges of wasteful extravagance on the part of the administration. Stereopticon views were then shown. Workers were given final instructions and campaign literature and banners were distributed among them.

The Peter Witt Labor Club was declared to be composed of city employees and men who "think they will get jobs under Witt," by Henry Ellenfield, member of the Typographical Union.

"There are many traitors in the labor ranks," said Ellenfield. "Tom Johnson once described Salen as a man who knew more about the city's business than any other person. So let's elect Salen upon Johnson's recommendation."

"They called our campaign a peanut show when it started," said John . Smith, chairman of the meeting, "but it has developed into big top size. Witt through the columns of his own organ has proved himself a liar three times in two days."

Daniel J. O'Rourke, of Toledo, who claimed to have heard Witt characterize the soldiers of the regular army as "bums and loafers," denounced Witt as a "disloyal citizen, incapable of making a good mayor."

Other speakers were Clarence L. Jones, Virgil P. Marani and W. J. Whitehead.

RUTHENBERG HITS OTHER CANDIDATES

Socialist Says Witt, Norton, Davis and Salen Ignore Issues for Childish Personalities.

Parting shots at Peter Witt, Miner G. Norton, Harry L. Davis and Charles P. Salen were delivered yesterday afternoon by C. E. Ruthenberg in the auditorium of the Engineers building, in the closing speech of the Socialistic mayoralty campaign.

"Neither Witt, Norton, Davis nor Salen has offered a single issue in this campaign that deserves the attention of the voters," said Ruthenberg. "What the Socialists prophesied would come to pass with nonpartisan candidates has happened. We have had the childish discussion of personalities, but no argument on principles, except from the Socialistic side."

Ruthenberg again flayed Peter Witt for refusing to meet him in public debate, declaring that Witt knew his record as street railway commissioner would not stand the test.

"He calls the Socialist candidate a nuisance, because he has driven home these facts," he said.

BATTLE ENDS AS IT STARTED WITH WITT FACING FIELD

Mayoralty Campaign on Eve of Election Closes With Betting Two to One Favoring Commissioner.

Belief is General Salen Will Draw More Votes From Anti-Administration Quarters Than From Witt.

WAR LOOMS IN CAMP OF REPUBLICANS SOON

For Three Political Contenders It is Fight for Existence.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

In more ways than have been brought home to the electorate, the campaign culminating in tomorrow's election will be emphasized and underscored in the political history of Cleveland.

The city's political past furnishes no basis for comparison.

The fight largely has been one in which partisanship, plus whatever discontent could be organized against a political force in power for twelve out of fourteen preceding years, has been appealed to particularly by three of five anti-administration contenders, the accumulation directed against the single candidate who seeks to continue the Tom L. Johnson succession.

That succession has been maintained since 1901, with the exception of two years of administration under Herman Baehr.

The inevitable result has been to make the administration candidate himself a chief issue, and the campaign, as was foreseen at its start, has been one fight, for or against Peter Witt. It closes as it began.

The campaign has attracted to the tents larger crowds than have massed to hear political pros and cons since the Johnson campaign of 1901.

Drag in Outside Issues.

It is certain the public has been offered a greater variety of campaign contentions than in any previous municipal election. Issues far from political have been dragged in by the neck and dragged out again.

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Friends and ardent supporters of Mr. Davis have agreed he could not expect to make a third fight for the mayoralty if unsuccessful this time.

Mr. Norton's adherents said when Mr. Norton first became a candidate it was "now or never" for him.

Charles P. Salen faces two alternatives—a return to power in Cuyahoga county or a political eclipse. If he loses he leaves office Jan. 1 a deputy state tax commissioner where he was placed by Gov. Frank B. Willis, confronted with the necessity of beginning over again if he would further try his political fortunes.

Forecasts of the outcome tomorrow cannot be predicted on a study of former election results. The figures of the 1913 campaign are practically useless. There were but three candidates then, and the fight throughout was between two of them.

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League After Witt.

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Davis Calls Attack Deserved.

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Although Salen's tent was pitched in the fifth ward, considered a Witt stronghold, there was less heckling than at any other meeting since he started his "unmasking of the city administration," a week ago. The tent was crowded and the applause which greeted his statements was enthusiastic.

"The decency-loving people of Cleveland will not elect Witt, a man backed by the city hall gang," Salen declared. "Tuesday will be a decisive day—a day which will return Baker, Witt and their gang to private life. Cleveland wants a clean city hall."

Children Give Salen Flowers.

Before the candidate started his speech he was presented with a big bouquet of flowers by two children, one of whom made a talk in Salen's behalf. A few minutes later a four-year-old girl, Selma Steinbrenner, 9104 Lorain ave., made her way to the speaker's platform and presented him with a horseshoe wreath, on which was inscribed the words "Good Luck."

Salen was late in getting his stereopticon lantern in place last night and in asking his audience to be patient, he declared that friends of the "city hall gang" had cut the electric cable. He said it was necessary to obtain more cable before he could show pictures, which formed an important part of his "expose."

Says City's Money Was Used for Witt

Director of Finance Coughlin used city stationery to write to voters in Witt's behalf, Salen declared. He said he was interested in knowing whether taxpayers had paid for the stamps on these letters.

"The people are tired of this misrule," he continued. "The whole administration has used the city charter as a tool to build up and strengthen the machine. Members of the administration have used public office for private gain. They have resorted to low methods and cheap politics."

The speaker again assailed Collector of Customs Gongwer and declared that the latter had bossed the county liquor license commission. He said the city had wasted money in building the Baldwin reservoir, the filtration plant and many other public improvements.

Witt

WITT MOURNS HIS 'WEAK OPPONENTS'

Campaign Altogether Too Tame He Says at Closing Meeting.

Peter Witt repeated his campaign promises to Democratic voters of the seventh ward at a meeting at Zabel's hall, W. 14th st. and Auburn ave., last night.

Witt summed up his record as street railway commissioner in the way that he has told it nightly at tent meetings and again announced the taxation revision platform upon which he is running for mayor.

"I doubt that anything that is said or done now will change the minds of voters," said Witt. "The campaign just closing has been rather disappointing. It has not been my lot to have a man worth fighting on the other side."

Witt discussed the libel suit brought by Candidate Salen against The Cleveland Press.

He declared that it would end on Thursday. "What a fine thing it would be if he would push the suit so that it could be tried. Or better yet, if he would sue me, so we could ask some questions in court."

Witt said that he felt assured of election "because the people of Cleveland would never repeat the mistake they made six years ago in electing a Republican mayor."

Discussing municipal ownership of the Cleveland Railway Company, Witt said that Socialists had no idea that their proposal would carry to issue mortgage bonds to acquire the property.

"It was thrown in at this time as a propaganda for themselves," said he. Witt predicted that the legislature at an early date would amend laws so as to allow the general faith and credit of the city to be pledged in acquiring public utilities. He said that he favored the purchase of the railway when that time came.

Witt also addressed night employees of the White automobile company at the factory at E. 79th st. and St. Clair ave. Later in the evening he stopped at the Molders' ball at Moose hall.

ıti-Witt Bets Push Down Odds; 10 to 8 Offered

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HEAVY INFLUX OF MONEY BACKING DAVIS CAUSES PETER'S STOCK TO FALL; $200,00 WAGERED IN CITY.

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A heavy influx of money backing the chances of Harry Davis to be elected mayor late last night forced the odds on Peter Witt to shift from 10 to 6 to a closing quotation of 10 to 8. Plenty of money was also in evidence increasing the forecast of first choice votes for Miner G. Norton.

Nearly $50,000 was posted yesterday with Tim Raleigh, 1448 E. 9th st., and previously $40,000 had been placed with him upon the outcome of the election. It is estimated that a total of nearly $200,000 has been posted with all betting commissioners in the city.

The largest single bet made yesterday was $1,000 to $2,000 that Witt would not be the next mayor. There was little change in betting odds until yesterday, when the chances of other candidates, held a week ago as cheaply as 5 to 10, went up.

Following were the closing election odds posted by Raleigh last night:

$100 to $80 Witt will be the next mayor.
$60 to $100 Witt will not be the next mayor.
$100 even Norton will get 11,000 first choice votes.
$100 even Norton will not get 14,000 first choice votes.
$100 even Salen will not get 14,000 first choice votes.
$50 even Salen will get 9,000 first choice votes
$25 even Salen will not carry two wards.
$50 even Witt will not get 7,000 more first choice votes than Davis.
$100 even Witt will get 6,000 more first choice votes than Davis.
$100 even Witt will get 40,000 first choice votes.
$50 even Witt will not get 42,000 first choice votes.
$100 to $75 Witt will not get 44,000 first choice votes.
$50 even Ruthenberg will get 6,000 first choice votes.
$100 even Ruthenberg will not get 7,500 first choice votes.
$50 even Davis will get 25,000 first choice votes.
$50 even Davis will not get 33,500 first choice votes.
$50 even Davis will not carry nine wards.
$200 to $500 Witt will get 10,000 more first choice votes than Davis.
$100 to $60 Davis will get more second choice votes than Witt.
$50 even Davis will get more second choice votes than Salen.
$50 even Salen will get more second choice votes than Witt
$50 even Witt will not get 3,500 more first choice votes than Davis on the West Side.
$50 even Witt will get 2,500 more first choice votes than Davis on the West Side.
$100 to $50 Salen will get more first, second and third choice votes than Ruthenberg's first, second and third choice votes.
$100 even Davis gets more first choice votes than Norton and Salen combined.
$75 to $100 that neither Norton nor Salen will carry a ward in the city on first choice votes.
$25 even Norton will get 10,000 first choice votes.
$100 even that Witt's first choice votes will total more than Salen's first and second choice votes combined.
$300 to $100 that no one will be elected mayor on first choice votes.
$300 to $100 that the dry amendment will not carry.
$50 even that the dry amendment will lose by 60,000.
$50 to $40 that the dry amendment will not lose by 100,000.
$50 even that the dry amendment will be defeated in Cuyahoga county by 35,000.
$100 to $80 that Bernstein will be elected municipal judge.
$30 even that Silbert will be elected municipal judge
$50 to $35 that Tyler will be elected mayor of Lakewood.
$20 to $25 Davis will not get 32,500 first choice votes.
$20 to $25 Norton will get more first choice votes than Salen.
$20 to $15 Davis will get 29,000 first choice votes.
$50 even that the proposal to limit elections on twice defeated constitutional amendments will be defeated.

DENTISTS' STRAW VOTE: NORTON 40, WITT 44, DAVIS 42

MEMBERS of the Cleveland Dental Society took a straw vote on the mayoralty race and the prohibition question, at their monthly dinner at the Hotel Statler last night.

The vote was divided on the mayoralty contest, 44 picking Witt to win, 42 Davis, 40 Norton, 3 Salen and 2 Ruthenberg.

On the prohibtion amendment, 100 were for it and 35 against it.

The dinner was attended by 141 members of the society.

MRS. DAVIS ASSISTS HUSBAND TO VICTORY

Wife of Mayor-Elect Helps Silently in Strenuous Campaign Just Closed and Now Congratulations Pour Into Happy South End Home.

BY LORA KELLY.

The cozy home of Mayor-elect and Mrs. Harry L. Davis at 4177 E. 95th st contained a happy household yesterday.

Even Poodles, the bulldog, knew there was rejoicing afoot, and he submitted to the petting of visitors with excellent grace.

And there were visitors a-plenty. Those who couldn't come telephoned their good wishes and Cleveland's newest "First Lady" spent most of the day answering the front door bell and the telephone.

Even though it was a sleepless night, albeit a happy one, Mrs. Davis was up early, and with her characteristic thoughtfulness was acknowledging the deluge of congratulations in behalf of her husband and herself.

"I'm so happy over it all," Mrs. Davis said. "All I can say is I want to thank the people for their support, and you may assure them it is appreciated by Harry's 'silent partner' just as much as by himself."

Mrs. Davis' description of herself as the future mayor's "silent partner" is an apt one, but it doesn't mean she hasn't contributed to the success of his campaign.

Friends say that night after night, no matter how late the hour when he wearied candidate returned home from his strenuous tent meetings, Mrs. Davis would have a delicious supper awaiting him.

"I couldn't go out and speak in his behalf," modestly asserts this quiet voiced little woman, "neither could I vote for him. But I could see that he didn't lack encouragement and sympathy at home."

Mrs. Davis formerly was Miss Lucy Fegan. They were married in 1902. Mrs. Davis is a tall, slender young woman with dark brown hair, and large expressive gray eyes that kindle when she greets one.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis have no children.

Flowers are the principal hobby of the newly elected mayor and his wife. There's a whole back yard of them, and from one end of the charmingly appointed little home to the other there are always fresh cut blossoms.

Evenings in the summer they work together in their garden at the rear of the house, for there's nothing the new mayor likes better, excepting, perhaps, the stress of politics, than to wield a garden spade.

Mrs. Davis belongs to several clubs in the neighborhood. Their home is noted out Newburg way for its hospitality.

Although her husband's career has been along the political pathway for several years, Mrs. Davis otherwise takes no direct interest in the ballot.

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Every vote counts.

shot through the head. He died today.

Police are investigating the case on the murder theory, and search is being made for two convicts recently received at the Lima state hospital from the Ohio penitentiary who escaped from the hospital last night.

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MRS SALEN WITNESSES HER HUSBANDS VOTE



MR and MRS NORTON BOTH VOTED



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RECORD BALLOT FORESEEN TODAY

eaviest Registration, Together With Hot Campaign Battle, Lead to Election Prediction Vote Will be Between 105,000 and 108,000.

ee Cornered Mayor Race is Vital Issue, but Citizens Also Must Decide Eleven City, Six State and Two School Proposals.

OTE EARLY! IT'S TO BE FAIR, COOL DAY, IS WEATHER MAN'S PREDICTION

VOTE EARLY!

The weather man's forecast is "fair and cooler Tuesday," assuring ou, Mr. Voter, Mrs. Voter and Miss Voter, a pleasant walk to your ting booth.

Every Cleveland male voter will have to indicate his decisions on ndidates and questions presented on eight separate ballots. It will e even the best-informed voter more than the usual time to mark ballots. The right time to vote is the earliest possible moment.

Women intending to cast their ballots for members of the board education should make voting one of the first duties of the day.

Booths will be open from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m., Cleveland me.

VOTE EARLY!

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Cleveland electors will march to the polls today to cast the viest vote in the city's history.

That was the prediction on the eve of election, based on l figures following the last special registration, and on the ly aroused but intense interest in the outcome of the mayoralty ht.

Partisanship is deeply stirred over the wet and dry question d a variety of other issues are presented. The vote will be a h percentage of the registration total, which smashes all pre- us records.

Estimates of the vote last night ranged from 105,000 to 108,000. Elec- authorities did not consider 108,000 a radical forecast.

If the skies today are clear and the sunshine bright to make it a day yesterday, a new voting record is assured for Cleveland.

d Grants 511 Permits to Register on Final Day.

board of elections yesterday d special permission to register 2 more men and nine more n who missed the opportunity d in the regular registration Adding these figures to the er granted permission on Satur- the totals of those whose appli- ons for special registration were ted were 762 men and twelve men.

Booths were open yesterday from 30 to 6:30 p. m. for this special istration and for registration nsfers. The total registration on regular days was 112,748 men and 8,826 women. If all those who applied yesterday and Saturday went to their booths in the hours named, the final registration totals for 1915 become 113,510 men and 8,838 women.

"Vote early!"

That is the word to the electorate for today.

Polls will be open from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m., eastern (Cleveland) time.

Voters will elect a mayor, a council of twenty-six by wards, a chief justice and six judges of municipal court, a clerk of municipal court twenty-six ward assessors, and three members of the board of education. They will pass on four proposals to amend the Ohio contitution and two laws passed in the last session of the Ohio legislature. They will accept or reject eleven important municipal proposals, and two school proposals, one for bonds and one for an additional tax levy.

Each Clevelander will be handed eight separate ballots when he enters his booth. These are the eight:

Ballot bearing names of candidates for mayor (one to be elected); for councilman (one to be elected in each ward); for clerk of municipal court (one to be elected). This is the preferential ballot with first, second and other choices.

Ballot bearing names of candidates for chief justice of municipal court (one to be elected) for six-year terms (three to be elected); for four-year terms (three to be elected).

Ballot bearing names of candidates for members of the board of education (three to be elected).

Ballot bearing names of candidates for assessor in ward (one to be elected in each ward).

Ballot bearing these eleven Cleveland civic issues: Cleveland & Youngstown freight terminal grant (referendum on ordinance No. 36708-A), Union station ordinance (referendum on ordinance No. 37904-A), Barber subway grant (referendum on ordinance No. 36233-A), charter amendment for separate councilmanic representation of annexed territory, minimum wage amendment to city charter, $1,500,000 deficiency bond issue, additional tax levy for sewage disposal plants, Socialists' proposal to buy the Cleveland Railway Co., $100,000 bond issue for comfort stations, $300,000 bond issue to extend Carnegie-av S. E., $1,600,000 bond issue to eliminate railroad grade crossings.

Ballot for voting for or against the Sprague redistricting act and the McDermott liquor license law of the Republican state administration, both submitted to referendum.

Ballot bearing four proposals to amend the Ohio constitution: Prohibition, extension of terms of county officers to four years, exemption of public bonds from taxation and Stability league proposal.

Ballot bearing two school issues.

Women today have opportunity to vote for school board members.

Because of the involved nature of some of the ballots, particularly the one bearing the eleven Cleveland civic issues, and the complexity of the preferential ballot, care must be exercised by the voters in marking them.

Yet electors are urged to go to the booths prepared to cast their votes as speedily as possible in view of the time it will take even the best informed voters to ballot on the numerous candidates and questions presented.

Last day efforts in the camps of the candidates for mayor were largely confined to final exhortations by leaders to ward and precinct workers to "get out the vote."

There was one conspicuous political move yesterday. It was a final effort on the part of Harry L. Davis supporters to have Miner G. Norton announce himself out of the fight and throw his strength to Mr. Davis. The effort failed.

George B. Harris, chairman of the Republican county central committee; Councilman W. B. Woods and A. B. Sprosty, member of the Republican executive committee, all Davis partisans, called on Mr. Norton and undertook to convince him he had no chance of election. Mr. Norton's answer was that the outlook suited him.

Davis leaders yesterday completed arrangements to place $5 in the hands of each of the precinct workers who will be engaged in election day duties today.

The Democratic organization backing Peter Witt last night put out its precinct money, $5 going to a captain in each precinct in the city. Both camps were acting under the provision of the law, which permits payment for election day work.

Demand of Davis bettors for the 2 to 1 Witt money posted in T. W. Raleigh's E. 9th-st cigar store caused a shift in the odds on Witt to 10 to 6. Increase of the demand changed the odds again last night to 10 to 7, when the action slowed down and Davis money was posted at 6 to 10.

It was the expectation of bettors that the betting would close today probably at 10 to 6 on Witt and 5 to 10 offered on Davis.

The board of elections yesterday was preparing for strenuous endeavor tonight to make public the returns. Police department heads were arranging to handle a tremendous downtown crowd this evening.

This is the day and "Vote early" is the pass word. It's all over but the shouting.

SIX CITY ISSUES WIN BY BIG VOTE

Union Station, C. & Y., Subway, Grade Bonds, Among Those That Carry.

Deficiency Bonds and Purchase of Street Railway Are Defeated.

Six of the eleven city issues submitted to voters yesterday carried by overwhelming votes, according to the totals from seventy precincts.

The six issues approved by voters of Cleveland are the ordinance authorizing the construction of the new $12,000,000 union station; the Cleveland & Youngstown grant; the Barber subway franchise; the amendments to the charter authorizing separate councilmanic representation for East Cleveland and Lakewood if they are annexed, and requiring the payment of a minimum wage of $2.50 a day to employes of contractors on city work, and the ordinance authorizing the issue of $1,600,000 bonds for elimination of grade crossings.

Early returns indicated the decisive defeat of the ordinance authorizing the issue of $1,500,000 deficiency bonds and the ordinance authorizing the purchase by the city of the property of the Cleveland Railway Co. at a cost of $34,700,000.

The ordinances authorizing the issue of bonds for the extension of Carnegie-av S. E. and the construction of comfort stations are probably defeated, although there is still a possibility of a change in the result when the total is counted, as the vote in favor of both bond issues was close to the required two-thirds in the precincts heard from early.

Early returns indicated the special tax levy of a quarter of a mill to defray the expense of completing the sewage disposal plant would be approved. Seventy precincts showed 5,389 votes for the special levy and 3309 against the levy. The estimated cost of completing the sewage disposal system is $2,000,000.

The most decisive vote was cast on the union station issue. The total vote in seventy precincts showed 7,511 electors for the ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into a contract with the railroads and only 1,607 voters against the project.

As soon as certain lake front questions have been disposed of the railroads will commence the erection of a union passenger station at the northerly end of the mall. The estimated cost of the building and approaches is $5,000,000.

With the approaches to the east and west the improvement will reach a total cost of $12,000.000.

The ordinance authorizing the construction of the Barber subway in E. 55th-st from the lake front to Morgan run was a close second to the depot ordinance in popularity, according to early returns. There were 6,895 votes for the ordinance and 2,036 against the project. The Cleveland & Youngstown was third, with a total of 6,877 votes for and 2,432 votes against the measure.

Next came the amendment to the city charter requiring a minimum wage of $2.50 for employes engaged in city contracts.

The Carnegie-av extension ordinance received 5,708 favorable votes in the seventy precincts, and 3,098 negative votes. This falls about 160 votes short of the required number.

NORTON SMILES AND IS MUM AS DEFEAT LOOMS

Early Admits That Fight is Between Witt and Davis, Then Becomes Silent.

Miner G. Norton, surrounded by his workers in his headquarters, [illegible] Society for Savings building, received returns all night. Mr. Norton said he would make no statements until all returns were in and tabulated.

"I'm running behind on the returns I have received. It's a fight between Witt and Davis now," he said to his friends at 9:15 p. m.

At later hours Mr. Norton said he would not concede defeat, and would not make statements for publication until he had seen a tabulation of the votes cast. He was smiling and apparently cheerful.

The group surrounding his table worked steadily with few comments as they copied returns brought in on cards from each precinct.

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In the residential precincts the early vote was heaviest, indicating, all candidates agree, that those who had an opportunity to obey the warning to "vote early" were taking no chance on losing their franchise. The unprecedented early vote also is attributed to the thorough work done by probably 25,000 workers canvassing the city in the interests of the candidates they represent. From each candidate's headquarters automobiles were darting to every part of the city from early morning, running down complaints that the interests of one or the other candidate were being interfered with. And each of the candidates claims the early vote favorable to him.

As well as voting early each voter "voted often." Eight ballots were handed to every male elector and the rapidity with which these were marked and deposited showed that thorough campaigns had been made for and against each issue. Also it shows, election board officials say, that voters studied the issues and went to the booths with their minds made up. In the outer East and West Side precincts the average time for marking the eight ballots was about four minutes. Downtown and in the so-called "factory districts" the voting time ran to about six minutes. Five minutes is the time allowed by law but election clerks were not too strict with those casting the involved ballots.

Voters Speed Up.

The early morning rush resulted in many marking their ballots outside the private stalls provided. This resulted in a fast-moving vote and largely is responsible for the early record established.

The board [illegible] another's name. This was discovered when the second voter appeared and demanded ballots. The booth officials gave the second applicant ballots just as they had done the first. Board of elections officials asked police to look for the first voter.

In ward 19, precinct E, near Lake View cemetery, Davis men, distributing their candidate's literature inside the booth, were ordered to stop.

Complaints from the districts in which the vote of foreign-born women is heavy began to reach the elections board early. Many women were challeneged to show their husbands' naturalization papers. Clerks in the various booths where the woman vote is heavy reported to the board that they were having more trouble with one woman than with a score of male voters.

Distributes Free Beer.

From the sixteenth ward, in Newburg, complaint was made that an enthusiastic election worker was going through the ward with an auto loaded with beer, which he was distributing with a free hand. Board members declared that as long as he kept outside the 100-foot booth limit they could not stop him.

Voters who moved Monday found themselves unable to vote Tuesday. The election officials in booths in which they presented themselves declared they could not vote either in the old or new district. Only those who took advantage of transfer registration Monday were allowed to vote in precincts other than those in which they registered.

Nearly 500 men employed by the New York Central lines, one or more to every booth, urged voters to cast their ballots in favor of the Cleveland & Youngstown freight terminal and the Barber subway proposal.

Every New York Central employee who went to the polls knew through a letter from the railroad that the road was strongly in favor of the passage of the two franchises. The letters were sent out Saturday and Monday.

ELECTION SIDELIGHTS

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Peter Witt was elected mayor at West Tech high school yesterday in a dummy vote of pupils by a plurality of five first and second choice votes over Harry L. Davis. Prohibition won, 606 to 356. Votes were cast by 319 girls and 639 boys. It was an equal suffrage election.

Mr. Witt was given 424 first choice and 84 second choice votes; Harry L. Davis received 247 first choice and 256 second choice votes. Miner G. Norton ran third with 209 first choice and 126 second choice votes. C. E. Ruthenberg received 22 firsts and 38 seconds and Richard Koeppel 3 firsts and 8 seconds.

For school board, the pupils elected Mrs. Virginia D. Green, F. W. Steffen and E. E. Admire.

Separate tabulations were made of the votes cast by the boys and by the girls. The result of the girls' vote was:

Witt, 118 first choice and 26 second choice votes; Davis, 95 first choice and 78 second choice votes; Norton, 95 first choice and 43 second choice votes; Salen, 16 first choice and 30 second choice votes; Ruthenberg, 3 first and 14 second choice votes; Koeppel, 3 first and 7 second choice votes.

The boys' vote tabulation showed:

Witt, 306 first and 58 second choice votes; Davis, 152 first and 178 second choice votes; Norton, 115 first and 83 second choice votes; Salen, 47 first and 76 second choice votes; Ruthenberg, 19 first and 24 second choice votes; Koeppel, no first and one second choice vote.

Last year the vote at West Tech gave former Gov. Cox another term in office and defeated prohibition and women's suffrage two to one.

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The mayoralty candidates were not lagging yesterday when it came to following "vote early" advice.

Peter Witt appeared at the booth in Precinct G, Ward 25 at 7:35 o'clock and cast his vote, but Miner G. Norton, in Precinct F, Ward 8, waited for Mrs. Norton. At 8 they arrived and both cast their votes. Mrs. Norton was the only candidate's wife who voted.

Charles P. Salen voted at 9 in Precinct F, Ward 1. He came to the booth with his wife, who did not vote. Mrs. Witt and Mrs. Davis were not registered. Harry L. Davis was the last candidate to vote. His ballots were cast in Precinct Q, Ward 15, at 10:45.

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An offer of a Witt vote for the purchase of a chance in an automobile lottery was made to Mayor Newton D. Baker yesterday. The solicitor who walked into the mayor's office did not recognize the city's chief executive.

When the mayor told him he had an automobile and told him to use his discretion about casting his vote for mayor, the man replied:

"If they beat Witt you won't hold your job here, will you?"

"I couldn't hold my job in any event. They can't use two mayors here," said Mr. Baker.

"Oh, you're the mayor," was all the man answered as he left the office in apparent haste.

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Complaints that campaign cards were being distributed inside of the voting areas marked off by the red flags reached Public Safety Director A. A. Benesch yesterday. Police were notified to investigate in each case. Three complaints were made to the director during the day.

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"I never saw anything like it. There never was a bunch like that before," said former Senator Theodore E. Burton, smiling as the election officer in his voting booth in Ward 18, Precinct C, handed him the big batch of ballots yesterday. Mr. Burton voted at 10 a. m. He completed the task of marking the many ballots in better time than other voters in the booth.

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Prof. A. R. Hatton, head of the political science department of Western Reserve university, and president of the Civic league, spent yesterday in Ashtabula, O., witnessing the first trial in American of a form of the election system of proportionate representation.

It was Ashtabula's first experience with the plan under a new charter providing the city manager form of government. The plan was applied to the election of seven members of council.

Ashtabula citizens seemed to have no trouble in understanding the plan, Prof. Hatton said. Fourteen candidates were running for the seven council seats. The candidates' names were printed on the ballot in the usual manner, one below the other, and the voter marked his choices by placing the numerals, one to seven, after the names of his favored candidates.

Because of the large number of state and municipal questions the Ashtabula county board of elections announced it would not count the ballots for city officers until Thursday, when Prof. Hatton expects to return to Ashtabula. Prof. Hatton's interest in the form of election lies in the fact that he is an advocate of it and has taught it several years to his classes in politics.

The count in Ashtabula is made by dividing the total number of votes cast by eight, one more than the number of offices to be filled.

The purpose of the plan, Prof. Hatton explained, is to give each party and group of electors representation in council proportionate to its strength in comparison with other parties and groups.

TO INSIST UPON OFFICIAL COUNT

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Robert J. Bulkley, chairman of the democratic executive committee, said Wednesday he would insist upon the official count by the board of elections before finally conceding Pete Witt's defeat.

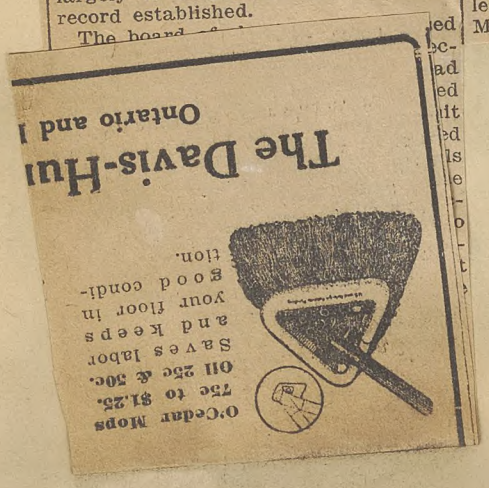
"We'll particularly insist, and will have witnesses there, if the board's first count indicates that Witt has lost by less than 1000 votes," said Bulkley.

The defeat of Witt probably means the democrats will seek to amend the charter so as to abolish preferential voting in Cleveland.

They insist Witt would have won out easily on first choice votes.

As soon as it became evident Tuesday night that Witt would lose out in spite of the fact that he had polled more first choice votes than Davis, the democratic leaders gathered in Witt's office began to discuss a move to do away with preferential voting.

Those who spoke in favor of it were Server Sidlo and Bulkley. If the democrats start the move they will have the support of republican leaders, who long ago said they didn't like the preferential system.



Gus Hanna Will Resign, as in 1909; Won't Await Firing

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Street Cleaning Superintendent Gus Hanna was to resign his $2,400 job Wednesday. But he will keep on drawing his $200 a month until January 1, when Mayor-elect Davis would have ousted him anyway.

When Herman Baehr beat Tom Johnson in 1909 Hanna sent in his resignation to Johnson the day after election, making it effective the following January 1. Hanna admits it's his pride not to be fired, but to step out and take away a certain amount of satisfaction from his new bosses.

Hanna has been offered a $3,000 job to superintend a street flushing company. He held the offer in abeyance until after election, but said Wednesday he would consider it seriously now.

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It was estimated at 1 o'clock that 70 per cent of the expected 108,000 votes on the mayoralty already had been deposited in the ballot boxes. An early afternoon lull is expected and the final last minute rush is looked for about 5:30 p. m., when workers, unable to vote in the morning, will cast their ballots on the way home from work.

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In the residential precincts the early vote was heaviest, indicating, all candidates agree, that those who had an opportunity to obey the warning to "vote early" were taking no chance on losing their franchise. The unprecedented early vote also is attributed to the thorough work done by probably 25,000 workers canvassing the city in the interests of the candidates they represent. From each candidate's headquarters automobiles were darting to every part of the city from early morning, running down complaints that the interests of one or the other candidate were being interfered with. And each of the candidates claims the early vote favorable to him.

As well as voting early each voter "voted often." Eight ballots were handed to every male elector and the rapidity with which these were marked and deposited showed that thorough campaigns had been made for and against each issue. Also it shows, election board officials say, that voters studied the issues and went to the booths with their minds made up. In the outer East and West Side precincts the average time for marking the eight ballots was about four minutes. Downtown and in the so-called "factory districts" the voting time ran to about six minutes. Five minutes is the time allowed by law but election clerks were not too strict with those casting the involved ballots.

Voters Speed Up.

The early morning rush resulted in many marking their ballots outside the private stalls provided. This resulted in a fast-moving vote and largely is responsible for the early record established.

The board of elections was advised early Tuesday by telegraph that Secretary of State Hildebrandt had agreed to a change in his order issued earlier in the week and would permit the mayoralty vote to be counted first. But elections board officials declared it was too late to change the system in this county, that all election officers had been instructed to follow out Hildebrandt's original order and that they could not get around to the precincts to order the change.

The first serious trouble reported to the elections board came from precinct G, ward 11, E. 30th st. and Pine ave. Edward McGlellan, one of the booth clerks, was eleven minutes late reporting for duty and another officer to take his place was sworn in. Later Deputy Elections Clerk Caldwell visited the booth, ousted Walter Brown, colored, the substitute, and reinstated McGlellan. G 11 is a heavy negro precinct and the negro voters resented the ousting of Brown.

Dry Witnesses Kept Out.

From several precincts came complaints from dry witnesses that they were denied admission to booths. Caldwell, on investigation, found the booths so crowded there was little room for the "safety first" watchers, and ordered them to stay out until the early morning rush was over.

In ward 21, precinct I, E. 77th st. and Superior ave., complaint was made that one voter had voted on another's name. This was discovered when the second voter appeared and demanded ballots. The booth officials gave the second applicant ballots just as they had done the first. Board of elections officials asked police to look for the first voter.

In ward 19, precinct E, near Lake View cemetery, Davis men, distributing their candidate's literature inside the booth, were ordered to stop.

Complaints from the districts in which the vote of foreign-born women is heavy began to reach the elections en is heavy, began to reach the elections board early. Many women were challeneged to show their husbands' naturalization papers. Clerks in the various booths where the woman vote is heavy reported to the board that they were having more trouble with one woman than with a score of male voters.

Distributes Free Beer.

From the sixteenth ward, in Newburg, complaint was made that an enthusiastic election worker was going through the ward with an auto loaded with beer, which he was distributing with a free hand. Board members declared that as long as he kept outside the 100-foot booth limit they could not stop him.

Voters who moved Monday found themselves unable to vote Tuesday. The election officials in booths in which they presented themselves declared they could not vote either in the old or new district. Only those who took advantage of transfer registration Monday were allowed to vote in precincts other than those in which they registered.

Nearly 500 men employed by the New York Central lines, one or more to every booth, urged voters to cast their ballots in favor of the Cleveland & Youngstown freight terminal and the Barber subway proposal.

Every New York Central employee who went to the polls knew through a letter from the railroad that the road was strongly in favor of the passage of the two franchises. The letters were sent out Saturday and Monday.

ELECTION SIDELIGHTS

Peter Witt was elected mayor at West Tech high school yesterday in a dummy vote of pupils by a plurality of five first and second choice votes over Harry L. Davis. Prohibition won, 606 to 356. Votes were cast by 319 girls and 639 boys. It was an equal suffrage election.

Mr. Witt was given 424 first choice and 84 second choice votes; Harry L. Davis received 247 first choice and 256 second choice votes. Miner G. Norton ran third with 209 first choice and 120 second choice votes. C. E. Ruthenberg received 22 firsts and 38 seconds and Richard Koeppel 3 firsts and 8 seconds.

For school board, the pupils elected Mrs. Virginia D. Green, F. W. Steffen and E. E. Admire.

Separate tabulations were made of the votes cast by the boys and by the girls. The result of the girls' vote was:

Witt, 118 first choice and 26 second choice votes; Davis, 95 first choice and 78 second choice votes; Norton, 95 first choice and 43 second choice votes; Salen, 16 first choice and 30 second choice votes; Ruthenberg, 3 first and 14 second choice votes; Koeppel, 3 first and 7 second choice votes.

The boys' vote tabulation showed:

Witt, 306 first and 58 second choice votes; Davis, 152 first and 178 second choice votes; Norton, 115 first and 83 second choice votes; Salen, 47 first and 76 second choice votes; Ruthenberg, 19 first and 24 second choice votes; Koeppel, no first and one second choice vote.

Last year the vote at West Tech gave former Gov. Cox another term in office and defeated prohibition and women's suffrage two to one.

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The mayoralty candidates were not lagging yesterday when it came to following "vote early" advice.

Peter Witt appeared at the booth in Precinct G, Ward 25 at 7:35 o'clock and cast his vote, but Miner G. Norton, in Precinct F, Ward 8, waited for Mrs. Norton. At 8 they arrived and both cast their votes. Mrs. Norton was the only candidate's wife who voted.

Charles P. Salen voted at 9 in Precinct F, Ward 1. He came to the booth with his wife, who did not vote. Mrs. Witt and Mrs. Davis were not registered. Harry L. Davis was the last candidate to vote. His ballots were cast in Precinct Q, Ward 15, at 10:45.

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An offer of a Witt vote for the purchase of a chance in an automobile lottery was made to Mayor Newton D. Baker yesterday. The solicitor who walked into the mayor's office did not recognize the city's chief executive.

When the mayor told him he had an automobile and told him to use his discretion about casting his vote for mayor, the man replied:

"If they beat Witt you won't hold your job here, will you?"

"I couldn't hold my job in any event. They can't use two mayors here," said Mr. Baker.

"Oh, you're the mayor," was all the man answered as he left the office in apparent haste.

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Complaints that campaign cards were being distributed inside of the voting areas marked off by the red flags reached Public Safety Director A. A. Benesch yesterday. Police were notified to investigate in each case. Three complaints were made to the director during the day.

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"I never saw anything like it. There never was a bunch like that before," said former Senator Theodore E. Burton, smiling as the election officer in his voting booth in Ward 18, Precinct C, handed him the big batch of ballots yesterday. Mr. Burton voted at 10 a. m. He completed the task of marking the many ballots in better time than other voters in the booth.

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Prof. A. R. Hatton, head of the political science department of Western Reserve university, and president of the Civic league, spent yesterday in Ashtabula, O., witnessing the first trial in American of a form of the election system of proportionate representation.

It was Ashtabula's first experience with the plan under a new charter providing the city manager form of government. The plan was applied to the election of seven members of council.

Ashtabula citizens seemed to have no trouble in understanding the plan, Prof. Hatton said. Fourteen candidates were running for the seven council seats. The candidates' names were printed on the ballot in the usual manner, one below the other, and the voter marked his choices by placing the numerals, one to seven, after the names of his favored candidates.

Because of the large number of state and municipal questions the Ashtabula county board of elections announced it would not count the ballots for city officers until Thursday, when Prof. Hatton expects to return to Ashtabula. Prof. Hatton's interest in the form of election lies in the fact that he is an advocate of it and has taught it several years to his classes in politics.

The count in Ashtabula is made by dividing the total number of votes cast by eight, one more than the number of offices to be filled.

The purpose of the plan, Prof. Hatton explained, is to give each party and group of electors representation in council proportionate to its strength in comparison with other parties and groups.

TO INSIST UPON OFFICIAL COUNT

Robert J. Bulkley, chairman of the democratic executive committee, said Wednesday he would insist upon the official count by the board of elections before finally conceding Pete Witt's defeat.

"We'll particularly insist, and will have witnesses there, if the board's first count indicates that Witt has lost by less than 1000 votes," said Bulkley.

The defeat of Witt probably means the democrats will seek to amend the charter so as to abolish preferential voting in Cleveland.

They insist Witt would have won out easily on first choice votes.

As soon as it became evident Tuesday night that Witt would lose out in spite of the fact that he had polled more first choice votes than Davis, the democratic leaders gathered in Witt's office began to discuss a move to do away with preferential voting.

Those who spoke in favor of it were Server Sidlo and Bulkley. If the democrats start the move they will have the support of republican leaders, who long ago said they didn't like the preferential system.

Gus Hanna Will Resign, as in 1909; Won't Await Firing

Street Cleaning Superintendent Gus Hanna was to resign his $3,400 job on Wednesday. But he will keep on drawing his $200 a month until January 1, when Mayor-elect Davis would have ousted him anyway.

When Herman Baehr beat Tom Johnson in 1909 Hanna sent in his resignation to Johnson the day after election, making it effective the following January 1. Hanna admits it's fired, but to step his pride not to be a certain amount out and take awa[y] of satisfaction from his new bosses.

Hanna has been offered a $3,000 job to superintend a street flushing company. He held the offer in abeyance until after election, but said Wednesday he would consider it seriously now.

SILBERT AND BAER LEAD JUDGE RACES

Prosecutor Ahead in Four-Year Contest; Bench Man Wins Six-Year Term.

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McGannon Re-Elected Chief Justice by Comfortable Plurality.

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With ninety precincts compiled by the board of elections, Samuel H. Silbert gave promise of leading the ticket in the strenuous fight for the four-year terms on the municipal court bench. Trailing him closely were David Moylan, William F. Fiedler and Frank C. Phillips. It was in his contest that much of the interest centered during the campaign.

William H. McGannon, chief justice of the court, led his opponent by a large margin in his fight for re-election. His vote in the ninety precincts was 7,843. F. W. Kurzenberger had 3,021. William V. Backus, who had withdrawn from the race shortly before the election, but too late to have his name withdrawn from the ballots, had 1,516 votes.

George P. Baer was the leader in the race for the six-year term. His vote was 7,041. Samuel E. Kramer stood second with 5,520 votes, and Maurice Bernstein, third, with 5,385. The other participants and their votes were: Ansel B. Curtiss, 1,815; Theodore B. Green, 2,288; Walter McMahon, 4,611; Victor Conrad, 1,864; Frank E. Hainen, 2,046; John G. Murphy, 2,946; Fred F. Truhlar, 1,041.

For the six-year term the bar association and the Civic league had recommended Baer, Kramer and Bernstein. McGannon was recommended for the chief justiceship.

In the race for the four-year term there were twenty-eight candidates. Of these the Civic league and the bar association had recommended Hagenbuch, Manning, Terrell and Walther. All of these were running behind in the returns from ninety precincts.

Mr. Silbert led the race with 3,520 votes. Mr. Moylan came next with 2,883. Mr. Phillips held third place with 2,362. Mr. Phillips had sought an injunction preventing the bar association distributing literature boosting its slate without affixing the names of its officers as required by a state law.

The other candidates for the four-year term with their votes were: Charles L. Biggs, 1,986; Milan T. Gallagher, 666; William T. Black, 428; Robert Granger, 1,763; Samuel M. Parks, 411; O. W. Broadwell, 283; Thomas E. Greene, 1,279; Berkeley Pearce, 473; W. H. Chapman, 599; George E. Hagenbuch, 1,155; Frank T. Cullitan, 930; Michael F. Hearon, 296; Francis W. Poulson, 2,120; F. S. Day, 1,991; George A. Howells, 678; Emmett P. Dowling, 2,023; Clarence L. Jones, 469; Joseph L. Spitz, 484; William F. Fiedler, 2,314; L. N. Lawrence, 575; Virgil J. Terrell, 1,198; Robert Fisher, 629; Albert R. Manning, 1,526; John A. Thompson, 638; Frederick P. Walther, 1,820.

PROBABLE VICTORS FOR MUNICIPAL JUDGESHIPS

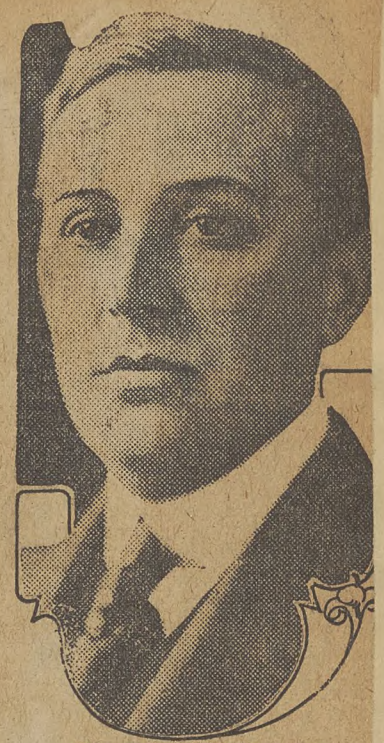
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SAMUEL E. KRAMER



WILLIAM H. McGANNON



GEORGE P. BAER



DAVID MOYLAN



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SAMUEL H. SILBERT

The Mayoralty Decision.

The indicated election of Harry Davis shows that the voters of Cleveland have once more registered their disapproval of the policies inaugurated by Tom L. Johnson and forwarded by Newton D. Baker. A similar expression of disapproval brought the election of Herman Baehr in 1909. After two years of an old-style administration the people turned as strongly as ever to the municipal program which had its inception with Tom L. Johnson. Such changes are merely the natural swing of the pendulum.

Whatever deplorable features may have marked the campaign may now be forgotten. Every good citizen now stands behind Harry Davis, determined to aid him in giving Cleveland his best. Animosities will not be cherished, for, after all, good government is the earnest desire of the great majority of Clevelanders. The only differences are as to the means to the end.

Cleveland has come to be known as one of the most progressive and enlightened of American municipalities. It should be the task of Mayor Davis to continue the advance movement of the city. He may be compelled to break with some of the elements which have supported him, but he will gain the willing assistance of all forward-looking men.

The Plain Dealer extends its heartiest good wishes to the mayor-elect. May he prove by his acts that his critics have erred and that his advocates have been none too hopeful in their promises.

QUETY By Mary B. Miller — MAGAZIN

IS SOCIETY GUEST HERE

Among the out-of-town visitors who have been entertained by prominent hostesses during the week is Miss Bess Edith Barton, of Erie, Pa., the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kinsey, of Fontenay rd., Shaker Heights.



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Women at Lecture Recital

Today's Club Calender

Hough Avenue Mothers' and Homemakers' Club, Hough Congregational church, 1:45 o'clock. Subject, "The Making of the Bible."

Archwood Mothers' Club, business meeting, 2 o'clock. Dr. C. E. Ford, speaker.

Chambers Community Club and Mothers' Association of Superior school, Meeting in school auditorium, 3:30 o'clock. Subject, "Toys."

Tremont School Mothers' Club, 2 o'clock, "The Story of Life."

Maternity Hospital Ingathering, Mrs. W. G. Walford and Mrs. O. L. Weaver in charge.

Conneaut Ladies of Cleveland, Mrs. E. J. Pratt, 1910 E. 57th st. 2 o'clock.

Doan School Mothers' Club, 2 o'clock.

Warner School Mothers' Club, 2 o'clock.

MEMBERS of the Woman's Club and their guests attended the lecture-recital given yesterday afternoon, under the direction of Mrs. Harry D. Norvell, in connection with the usual weekly tea. Mrs. Janet R. Talcott presented a potpourri entitled, "The South in Literature, History and Song," and members by [illegible] Miss Ch[illegible] by M[illegible]

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One thing is true: The blouse that goes with the cloth tailored suit must be simple, preferably of white wash material, and the woman who chooses the one-piece frock, and objects to warm clothing in the house, must have the top of the gown made in the simulation of a blouse of thin material, otherwise she will be most uncomfortable in our heated rooms.

The sketch shows the way Worth has cut the Gordian knot. This blouse is the top of a frock of black velvet. It is of chiffon with embroidery of dull colored silk threads.

...ons among women posted on the outside of the voting booths. These lists will be compiled and filed at suffrage headquarters.

QUIET MARKS ELECTIONS IN CITY SUBURBS

Present Officials Returned in Almost Every Instance by Overwhelming Majorities.

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Quiet balloting marked the election throughout the county yesterday, overwhelmingg majorities being cast for the present officials in most of the municipalities and townships.

Mayor Minshall of East Cleveland was elected by a safe majority over Frank G. Carpenter, head of the United party ticket. B. C. Turner, Democratic candidate, was snowed under.

In Lakewood Mayor Tyler was re-elected by an overwhelming majority on first choice votes, with three of the present councilmen. The election of the other two councilmen was still in doubt at midnight but indications were that they would be L. K. Coffinberry and Walter F. Miller.

Sixteen precincts returned 2,866 votes in favor of the proposed street railway franchise in Lakewood and 1,517 against it.

In East Cleveland Henry Stone was elected president of the council, Edward Hickey, auditor; Gustave J. Provo, treasurer; Edward A. Binyon, solicitor, and George H. Quay, Harry F. Jordon and Mrs. Norman Anderson were elected to the board of education.

The council will be: A. L. Bishop, Bert S. Sloan, William E. Corrin, and James G. Sanborn, J. L. Vaughn, Robert Queeser, and Walter Merrick.

The wet and dry vote in nearly all suburbs was close. Lakewood gave 2,563 for the prihibition amendment and 2,319 against it. East Cleveland gave the amendment a 3 to 1 majority.

Election results in other suburbs follow:

Brooklyn Heights Election.

All the present officials of Brooklyn Heights village were re-elected. They are: H. H. Richardson, mayor; H. M. McIntyre, clerk; B. S. Chester, treasurer; E. J. Orth, marshal; Eugene Cook, M. L. Ruetenick and George L. Walter, board of public affairs; F. H. Ruetenick, F. Wutrich, F. Krueger, J. G. Gehring, J. L. Foote and W. G. Gates, councilmen; J. A. Gedeon, constable; A. E. Durschlag, justice of the peace; H. L. Chester and L. H. Foote, board of education, and W. L. Hinckley, assessor.

The village voted 91 for the Sprague law and 23 against it. The McDermott law was given 13 votes with 34 against it. The prohibition amendment was given a majority of 16 votes. The amendment to exempt municipal and state bonds was carried, 29 to 23, and the stability amendment defeated, 23 to 28.

Polak Mayor of East View.

A three-cornered fight in East View village in Warrensville township ended in victory for Frank Polak for mayor. He received ninety-nine votes. E. J. Kehres got seventy-five and Andrew Frantz twenty-four. Other officials elected were Charles F. Ulk, clerk; Henry M. Trul, treasurer; J. F. Schwartz, marshal; W. J. Kennedy, R. J. Bubna, William W. Wight, W. F. Bletscher, councilmen; F. W. Blaisde, and H. A. Sisley, board of education, and Hale Hunter, assessor.

Only 22 Vote in Idlewood.

Only twenty-two votes were cast in Idlewood village, all of them for the present officials, the only candidates for office. Those elected are: A. R. Silsby, mayor; John Howard, clerk; Fred Silsby, treasurer; Rufus Cowle, Ernest Elbrecht, Martin Elbrecht, A. W. Raymont, Judson Sanbrook, and George Zokel, councilmen, and Will Elbrecht, constable. The vote on the prohibition amendment was tied, eight to eight votes.

West Park Officials Returned.

At West Park, the present mayor, clerk, treasurer and marshal were re-elected and three Democrats and three Republicans elected councilmen. William Dahm was re-elected mayor by a vote of 606 against 394 polled by his opponent John Seager. Fred Feuchter was re-elected clerk, defeating Ray Campbell by 552 to 397. James Hogan was re-elected treasurer, winning over Webster Nickels by a vote of 507 to 456.

Marshal Matthew Slavin was re-elected, polling 651 votes against 160 given Andrew Ohlsen. Dahm, Hogan and Slavin are Democrats. West Park also defeated the prohibition amendment by a vote of 577 to 335. The new West Park councilmen are Henry Barthelman, Republican; J. W. Norton, Democrat; Peter Detrich, Democrat; John Fisher, Jr., Republican; Neal Reitzman, Republican, and Nicholas Arth, Democrat.

Parma Heights Elects Women.

Parma Heights village elected three [illegible] board of education. [illegible]: Mrs. Barbara Schultz, Mrs. Bernice Uhinck and Mrs. Lizzie Denison. There were no nominations for these offices and the names were written on the blank ballots. Will Denison was elected mayor; Robert Hodgman, clerk; B. O. Stroud, treasurer; John Hessner, marshal, and K. K. Hodgman, assessor.

The dry amendment carried by nine votes. The four-year term for county officers and the stability amendment were defeated.

Chagrin Falls Elects Kent.

H. S. Kent was elected mayor in Chagrin Falls village without opposition. Other candidates elected are: F. E. Lamson, clerk; H. W. Stroud, treasurer; M. L. van Luven, marshal; E. A. Kline, S. A. Whitlock and C. B. Vincent, board of affairs; C. R. Burnett, L. Wycoff, L. A. Tenney, E. W. Mosher, William Didham and B. T. Stearns, councilmen; F. P. Shumaker and G. D. Cameron, board of education. The marshal's office was the only place contested in the municipal election.

One hundred and thirteen voted dry and 81 wet. The stability amendment was defeated, 121 to 50. The amendment to exempt municipal and state bonds carried, 101 to 59.

Republicans Sweep Berea.

The entire Republican ticket was elected in Berea by an overwhelming majority. E. L. Wing was chosen mayor; J. M. Patton, clerk; George Gray, assessor; H. A. Curtis, F. K. Woodruff, and W. R. Baldwin, board of affairs; L. G. Knowlton, E. C. Haag, H. E. Carman, H. P. Luster, R. H. Cooper, councilmen; George B. Gray assessor, and George E. Asling, and W. W. Parshall, board of education. The dry amendment stood 395 for and 315 against.

Middleburg township elected C. F. Sprague, Frank Beckwith, C. F. Eckert, board of trustees; Paul G. Mohler, clerk; George C. Goette, treasurer, and E. N. Carman, constanble. Brook Park village voted for the prohibition amendment 96 to 41. Seven wet votes were cast against sixty-four drys.

Drys Lose in Bratenahl.

Prohibition was beaten in Bratenahl village, 55 votes to 45. The stability amendm[illegible]ost, 52 to 48 .The amendment to [illegible]d terms of county officers was defeated, 51 to 28; the MeDermott act lost, 51 to 35, and the Sprague congressional apportionment bill lost, 45 to 37. The only issue that carried was the amendment to exempt bonds from taxation, 72 votes for and 24 against.

Sullivan Hudson's Mayor.

H. A. Sullivan, Republican, was elected mayor of Hudson. He defeated E. L. Fillieus, Democrat, by a vote of 174 to 107. Sullivan carried the rest of his ticket to victory. The prohibition amendment was carried.

Wenban Rocky River Mayor.

S. W. Wenban was re-elected mayor of Rocky River without opposition. The councilmen elected are: W. N. Dean, George Dixon, Chris Wind, Louis J. Ziegert, John Hoag and Charles J. Zuske. F. S. Dear defeated W. D. Murray for justice of the peace, and A. E. Zuske defeated A. J. Primett for assessor. The prohibition amendment was defeated, as was the four-year term for county officers and the stability amendments. The exemption of municipal bonds was given 121 votes, against 59 votes, and the $40,000 bond issue for parks passed by a safe margin.

Mayor Loesch Re-elected.

Newburg Heights re-elected Mayor Loesch, a Republican, chose a Republican council and defeated the prohibition amendment by a big vote. Loesch received 199 votes against 150 given H. E. Volmar. John Fitzgerald was re-elected clerk, defeating Joseph E. Chizek by a vote of 197 to 134. Phillip Urban was re-elected treasurer. He received 205 votes against 127 polled by Joseph Hlavady. Marshal George Hecker, a Republican, led the ticket receiving 255 votes against 80 polled by Anton Eddel.

[illegible]ouncilmen elected are James Mc[illegible] Joseph Mulligan, Elijah [illegible] Joseph F. Schmidt and Paul Steiger, Republicans, and George J. Feller, Democrat.

The vote on the prohibition amendment was 254 against and 77 for it.

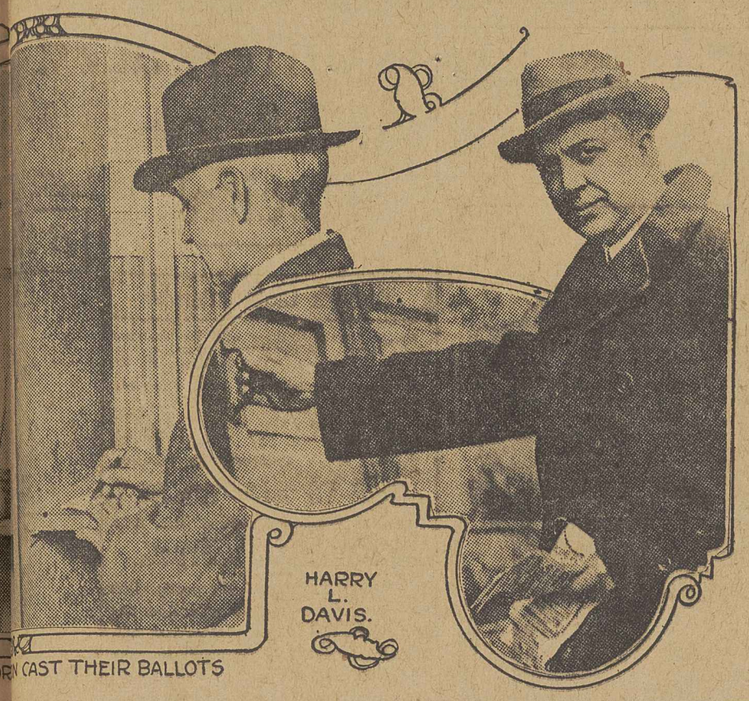
Cain is Re-elected.

The present officials in Cleveland Heights won easily. F. C. Cain was re-elected mayor over Thomas Norris, Democrat. The councilmen elected are: S. C. Becker, A. W. Ellenberger, R. T. Denison, George Hartshorn, J. W. Smith and A. M. Corcoran. E. B. Terril was elected treasurer and H. H. Canfield clerk, and L. Brockway marshal. J. P. Barden and J. H. Herron were elected members of the school board. The vote stood: J. P. Bardon, 898; F. P. Brown, 676; J. H. Herron, 882; Dr. R. E. Ruedy, 758. The village voted two to one for the prohibition amendment.

Norton and Salen Vote With Wives, Davis Alone



MR. AND MRS. CHARLES P. SALEN



MR. AND MRS. MINER G. NORTON CAST THEIR BALLOTS

HARRY L. DAVIS.

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BAKER IS GLAD REFORMS CARRY

MAYOR BAKER, at 12:30 a. m., just as he was leaving the mayor's office for his home, said:

"While the election is very close, it looks as if Mr. Davis is the winner."

He said that he was gratified at the magnificent vote which the proposed improvements received, and that whoever is mayor of the city for the next two years will undoubtedly carry out the will of the people in that regard.

70 COUNTIES IN '14 VOTED 'DRY'

Prohibition Beaten Majorities From Eighteen[illegible]o Wet Spot[illegible]

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COLUMBUS, Nov.[illegible] – Eighteen counties gave a maj[illegible] against the prohibition amendm[illegible] a year ago and seventy record[illegible] majority in favor, it was recalled[illegible]day, while a similar amendment[illegible] being submitted at the polls.

The 84,125 majorit[illegible]ainst prohibition in the state, [illegible]ifference between 504,177 for an[illegible]29 against, was made up mainly[illegible]se of these majorities in the pr[illegible] wet counties: Hamilton, 76,00[illegible]yahoga, 44,000; Lucas, 10,509; [illegible]mery, 7,500; Butler, 5,700; Erie, [illegible] Franklin, 2,500, and Auglaize, [illegible] The aggregate of dry counties [illegible]he seventy counties reduced the [illegible]majorities of course.

Counties voting w[illegible]majorities of less than 1,000 were[illegible]mont, Jackson, Lake, Miami, C[illegible] Sandusky, Sciota, Seneca, Sh[illegible] and Warren. Notable dry co[illegible]were Summit, which gave 2,5[illegible]rohibition; Columbiana, 3,000 [illegible]ark, 1,044 for, and Mahoning[illegible]hr. Brown county gave a maj[illegible]f one vote for prohibition.

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SALEN WATCHES COUNT AT HOME

NOV 3 1915

Bad Cold Keeps Candidate From Headquarters, Where Returns Are Received by Lieutenants.

Charles P. Salen did not participate in the receiving of election returns at his campaign headquarters last evening, but kept in touch with the situation at his home, 1420 W. 101st st. A bad cold was responsible for his nonappearance at the headquarters, 324 Superior ave.

Absence of Salen did not dampen the ardor of his campaign workers and the headquarters were crowded until early morning. As early as 10 o'clock, however, the most enthusiastic supporters conceded that Salen could not possibly be elected.

Salen was optimistic in his outlook early in the evening, and an hour after the polls closed expressed himself as hopeful for the outcome. Later as the returns began coming in, showing unmistakably that he had met with a crushing defeat, he denied himself to reporters and declined to even answer his telephone.

I AM BEATEN GOOD, CONCEDES NORTON

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Closes Handquarters Only When Lights Are Turned Off at Midnight.

Miner G. Norton closed his headquarters at 504 Society for Savings only when the lights were turned out at midnight. Up to that hour he had refused to concede his defeat.

"I am beaten good," he finally admitted as he went down in the elevator to take the car for home. "But I won't say anything," he continued. "I don't know what the result is going to be—nobody can tell. All I know is that I am thoroughly beaten.

"Two years from now? Well, that's two years from now. All I am interested in now is that I am out of the race. I have no statement of any sort to make except that I am well beaten. Not a word more than that."

Norton's campaign lieutenants who sat about him conceded his defeat long before the candidate would admit it. Guy O. Farquharson, F. H. Eggers and M. W. Harvey along with James W. Holcomb gathered about him early in the evening.

DEFICIENCY AND TROLLEY ISSUES LOSE

All local bond issues, franchise grants and charter amendments with the exception of the $1,500,000 deficiency issue and the ordinance authorizing the purchase of the street railway were carried by handsome majorities, official returns received at 2 o'clock this morning indicated.

The voters approved the new union station agreement by an overwhelming majority, while the Cleveland & Youngstown freight terminal and Barber subway grants received majorities of 3 or 4 to 1.

It was a nip and tuck race between the opponents and the proponents of the deficiency bond issue, the vote in 140 precincts showing 9,515 for the proposition and 10,262 against.

The early returns presaged the defeat of the street railway purchase ordinance by a heavy majority. The ordinance providing for the issuing of bonds in the sum of $1,600,000 for abolition of grade crossings, $300,000 for extending Carnegie ave., and $100,000 for comfort stations as well as $1,000,000 for new school buildings were approved by a vote ranging from two to one to three to one.

Minimum Wage Adopted.

The charter amendment providing for a minimum wage of $2.50 a day for city employees was passed by a vote of three to one, the early returns indicated, as was the amendment for giving separate representation in the council to newly annexed territory. The minimum wage proposition vote in 140 precincts was 14,321 to 4,746.

That Clevelanders were heartily in favor of the proposed lakefront and freight terminal improvements was shown by the early vote on these propositions. The ballot on the Cleveland and Youngstown ordinance in 140 precincts was 15,227 to 5,383, while that on the Barber subway proposal was 15,414 to 4,600.

In the same number of precincts the vote on the ordinance authorizing the mayor to contract with the railroads for a new union depot was approved by a vote of 16,581 to 3,736. The vote on the street railway purchase proposal in 140 precincts was 8,215 for and 11,137 against.

Tax Levy Carries.

The voters also favored the passage of the additional tax levy to provide sinking funds and interest for bonds, the official count in 140 precincts being 11,889 to 7,607.

The vote from the same booths on the other local propositions was as follows:

Comfort station bond issue; for 12,442, against 7,193.

Carnegie ave. extension bond issue: For 10,782, against 8,679.

Grade crossing abolition bond issue: For 13,938, against 5,476.

Charter amendment regarding newly annexed territory representation: For 14,239, against 4,470.

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Probably it was born in him—it must have been. However, no one, much less himself, knew it until he lost both arms on the railroad.

Moylan, councilman, attorney and municipal judge-elect, was a railroad switchman eighteen years ago. A misstep one sleety, slippery night, and he was under the wheels. His right arm was severed at the shoulder.

Out of the hospital, he went back to the railroad. At first he did clerical work in the freight office, but it wasn't long before he was back in the yards again.

Seven years later, another accident cost him his left arm.

Until then, Moylan had felt rather well contented with his lot in life. Switching was steady employment and the pay fair. True, he had essayed the study of law and given it up.

But now—both arms gone, handicapped for life—Moylan thought it over as he lay in the hospital and decided that the loss of those arms wasn't going to be any handicap.

"Well, what are you going to do?" his friends asked.

"I'm going to make a lawyer out of myself," he announced. They smiled pityingly.

It took Moylan from April to October to get on his feet again. He had his sisters spread out the forgotten law books before him. He spent every waking minute in study for the next three years. Then he went to Columbus to take the examination for the bar.

The examiners pitied him, as his friends had pitied him back in the hospital. They offered to give him the test verbally.

"No, thank you," Moylan told them, "I'll take the examination as the others do."

The bit he thus literally took in his teeth was his pen. Thus he wrote out his answers to the questions. Only ten of the 203 in the class stood over 86—and Moylan was one of them.

Immediately he hung out his shingle. It was mighty hard at first, preparing all his briefs and petitions with a pen held in his teeth, but soon business picked up and he could afford a stenographer.

He put in a telephone. The telephone people wanted to know how he was going to use it, having no hands. He showed them. The receiver he had fixed to the wall, on a level with his ear. On the "hook" of the instrument he hung a small weight. When the telephone is not in use, the weight hangs there and keeps the line closed; when a call comes Moylan simply picks the weight off the hook with his teeth, puts his ear over against the receiver fixed on the wall, and talks. Then he hangs up the weight with his teeth again.

Four years ago Moylan was elected to council from ward 7. He made good and was returned two years ago by the biggest first-choice vote cast proportionately for any of the twenty-six council members.

Moylan is thirty-eight and lives with a sister at 1509 Howard ave. The Civic League declared he had been "honest, industrious and capable" in council, but failed to indorse him for judge, declaring it believed he lacked legal experience.

Despite this, Moylan ran second on the four-year ticket.

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The wet headquarters estimate that Bolton will be beaten by about 70,000. At midnight Wayne B. Miller, dry leader, said: "If the drys carry the state by 40,000 they have reason to feel they are elated."

Officers of the Stability league, while conceding nothing, indicated a belief that their amendment could carry.

Reports early this morning indicated that Cuyahoga county would show a wet majority of something over 36,000. The stability amendment will probably have some 3,000 votes in its favor in Cuyahoga. This strength will be joined with Hamilton county's larger majority and similar wet majorities in other populous counties to defeat the dry measure. The rural dry strength did not overcome it.

Significant comfort comes to the Republican state adminstration from the vote. Not only did Gov. Frank B. Willis declare himself in favor of the dry amendment and against the stability measure, but he made the Sprague and McDermott acts tests of party regularity. He urged that both these acts, enacted by the last legislature at his earnest behest, should be upheld by the electorates as marks of its approval of his adminstration. And the indications are that both these acts have gone the way of the dry amendment. Even in strongly Republican counties a majority against them is indicated, with half or two-thirds of the precincts already reported. The Sprague act appears to be running stronger than the McDermott measure.

Adverse majorities against the county officers' term extender amendment and against the taxation exemption amendment are indicated by reports from all over the state. The taxation amendment was markedly weak in rural precincts.

Voters Slash Right and Left.

Ohio voters went to the polls with their axes sharpened. Nothing looked good to them, unless it was the proposal to limit the use of the initiative and referendum in altering the constitution. They slashed right and left. Their ire was particularly aroused by the prohibition measure which they rejected twelve months ago.

Political observers will read into the returns, particularly into the figures indicating the rejection of the McDermott and Sprague acts, a foreshadowing of disaster for the Republican administration.

The Democrats out of office challenged the Republicans to meet them on these issues. The referendum petitions were circulated and the election brought on through Democratic organization influences. The governor accepted the challenge. He urged his party to stand by what its representatives in the legislature had

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Heavy Ohio Vote Polled; No Trouble Mars Day

Plain Dealer Bureau,
44 E. Broad-st,
COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 2.

Then the polls closed tonight information gathered from all over the state indicated a vote much heavier than usual in off years. Clerish work was done in all the cities to get out the vote.

Election day weather was perfect. In most of the cities there was a multiplicity of ballots covering various issues to be voted on, and at the polls voting proceeded slowly. As the day advanced there seemed to be less delay taken by the voters.

Not a single disputed question of importance came to the office of the secretary of state during the day. Reports to wet and dry headquarters contained no information of disturbances.

Reports that came from a score of agricultural counties to dry headquarters indicated the rural vote coming out as fully as the most enthusiastic dry could desire.

Reports by county telephoned at 3 o'clock the rural vote was the heaviest in the history of the county. Ross and Fayette counties made reports of the same tenor while Logan county reported the country vote came out early and was almost in at 3 o'clock.

The voting in the large cities appears to have gone forward without interruption. In Cincinnati there was a little delay in getting the dry deputy sheriffs at work but it was adjusted quickly. Other cities produced no trouble.

At 3 o'clock reports to dry headquarters from the large cities was that voting in the normally dry wards had been good and that the dry forces had apparently come out early.

The women of Columbus showed their largest demonstration of interest in politics. The number registered was over 9,000, and the precinct workers said most of them had voted at noon. There was a rattling fight here over places on the board of education. That tended to bring out women, two of their sex being candidates.

CLEVELANDERS, SALUTE YOUR NEXT MAYOR



LATEST BULLETINS

FINAL EAST CLEVELAND VOTE.

Complete returns from East Cleveland last night showed the following: Minshall 1,763, Carpenter 1,396, Turner 192. President of council, Stone 1,810, Mauldin 1,398. Auditor, Hickey 1,775, Doering 1,462. Treasurer, Provo 1,818, Calloway 1,377. Solicitor, Binyon 1,755, Meyers 1,467. Council, Merrick 1,763, Quiesser 1,749, Vaughn 1,675, Batt 1,458, Stedman 1,415, Watts 1,408. Constable, Weber 1,748, Neuman 1,415, Filkins 1,409. Council, Ward 1, Bishop 385, Presley 315; Ward 2, Sloan 395, Kriss 355; Ward 3, Corrin 574, Field 488; Ward 4, Sanborn 389, Dickson 279. Assessors, Ward 1, May 371; Ward 2, Brooks 411; Ward 3, Barlow 609; Ward 4, Rider 369.

COMPLETE LAKEWOOD RETURNS IN.

Complete returns from the nineteen precincts of Lakewood give the mayoralty candidates the following: Tyler, first choice, 3,050, second choice 295, other choices 69; Mills, 1,140 first choice, second choice 503, other choices 100; Brown first choice, 830, second choice 666, other choices 107.

LOESCH WINS IN NEWBURG HEIGHTS.

Mayor W. E. Loesch was re-elected in Newburg Heights, receiving 199 votes, against 150 cast for his rival, H. E. Vollmer. The following officials also were elected: Clerk, Fitzgerald 197, Joseph Chizek 134; treasurer, Philip Weber 205, James Lavaty 127; marshal, George Hecker 255, A. Eddel 70; councilmen, George Feller, John McDowell, Joseph Mulligan, Joseph F. Schmidt, Elijah Richard, Paul Steiger; assessor, Charles Pflug; justice of the peace, Frank Hanousek.

WOMEN LOSE VOTE FIGHT IN THREE STATES

New York, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts Defeat Votes for Women Proposal.

McCall, Republican, Beats Gov. Walsh of Bay State by Small Majority.

SMITH, REPUBLICAN, WINS IN PHILADELPHIA

Empire State's New Constitution Overwhelmingly Rejected.

BULLETIN.

PENNSYLVANIA—Latest returns indicate defeat of the suffrage amendment by 125,000 to 150,000.

NEW YORK—Proposed new state constitution overwhelmingly defeated. Estimated majority in excess of 200,000.

BY PLAIN DEALER'S LEASED WIRE.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 2.—Woman suffrage has been defeated in Pennsylvania by 250,000, according to anti-suffrage leaders.

Reform has been defeated in Philadelphia, Thomas B. Smith, old line Republican, defeating George D. Porter, the reform candidate for mayor, by a plurality estimated at from 60,000 to 100,000.

Porter is present reform Mayor Blankenburgh's director of public safety. Smith, former postmaster and former public service commissioner, is known as a McNichol henchman.

Smith Runs Strong.

It is claimed at Republican headquarters that Smith has polled nearly twice the vote of Porter. Bromley, Democrat, was nowhere.

Philadelphia gave a majority of about 100,000 against woman suffrage. Out in the state the women ran ahead in a number of counties.

The suffrage amendment was printed at the bottom of the largest ballot ever used in Pennsylvania and many voters overlooked it.

The ballots cast today were so large they had to be dropped in milk cans and other such receptacles, the regular boxes being too small to hold them.

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BOSTON, Nov. 2.—Gov. David I. Walsh, Democrat, was defeated in his race for re-election today by Samuel W. McCall, former congressman, Republican.

With thirty-nine precincts missing, the returns give McCall 224,674; Walsh, 221,787. McCall's plurality is estimated at 5,000.

Women Lose Two to One.

Woman suffrage was defeated by about two to one. Miss Alice Stone Blackwell, president of the Massachusetts Woman Suffrage association, as early as 7 tonight, conceded defeat of the amendment.

Mrs. John Balch, anti-suffrage leader, said:

"I believe the majority against giving women the vote in Massachusetts will be near 120,000."

Mr. McCall's victory was the result of a consistent gain of about 24 per cent. over his vote of last year. Gov.

WITT BEATEN BY ALL CHOICE VOTE

Democratic Candidate, in 350 Out of 426 Precincts, Trails Republican Rival by 2,097 on First, Second and Other Choice Ballots.

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ELECTION RESULTS IN SUMMARY

Harry L. Davis elected mayor.
Council majority probably Democratic.
Union depot ordinance approved.
Barber subway ordinance approved.
Mrs. Green, Steffen and Thomsen elected to school board.
C. & Y. freight terminal approved.
Wets carry city two to one.
Street railway purchase defeated.
City deficiency bonds probably defeated.
Baer, Kramer and Bernstein probably elected to long term municipal judgeship.
Silbert, Moylan and Fiedler or Phillips probable choices for short term municipal judgeship.

BULLETIN.

Four hundred and twenty precincts out of 460 in the city at 4:20 a. m. give Davis a plurality on all choices of 2,423.

BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Harry L. Davis yesterday was elected mayor of Cleveland on a plurality of approximately 3,000 first, second and other choice votes combined.

Latest returns from the board of elections, showing results in 350 of the city's 462 precincts, gave Mr. Davis a plurality over Peter Witt, administration candidate, of 2,097 on all choices.

The totals for that number of precincts were: Witt, 28,396 first choice, 2,509 second choice and 1,082 other choice votes; Davis, 26,309 first choice, 6,064 second choice and 1,711 other choice votes. The total of all candidates' first choice votes in these precincts was 72,593, establishing the majority as 36,297.

Neither Witt nor Davis had that majority on first choices. Neither reached it after combining his first and second choices. Adding other choices to the sum of first and second choices, Mr. Davis had 34,084 and Mr. Witt by the process, 31,987.

Backers of the administration candidate long continued in hope and Mr. Witt himself went home without conceding defeat, but the showing of the returns even at that hour made it apparent only a miraculous gain would give him a chance.

Mr. Witt declined to issue a statement when he left his offices in the Leader-News building and started homeward early this morning.

"I don't know how it will result," he said. "Whatever the outcome, I have no regrets. I will read the news in the morning."

Gongwer Says "Witt Hasn't a Chance."

W. B. Gongwer, collector of customs and leader of the Democratic organization, at 1 a. m. spoke the conviction of the great majority of the Witt following.

"In my opinion Witt hasn't a chance," he said. "He will be beaten 2,500 to 3,000, and the count will go to other choices."

Maurice Maschke, George B. Harris and other Davis leaders, gathered in the offices of Klein & Harris, Engineers building, from early evening claimed election of Mr. Davis on the strength of returns made to them by Republican workers. At 11 p. m. Mr. Maschke telephoned Mr. Davis, who was at home, to start downtown to claim his victory.

Republicans went wild over the seeming certainty that the Tom L. Johnson succession had been broken and that they faced the opportunity for the second time in fourteen years of placing a Republican executive and cabinet in the city hall.

Miner G. Norton ran third in the voting, his strength in first choice votes early this morning appearing approximately 12 per cent. of the first choice total.

Charles P. Salen did not even get within striking distance of third place. That he was totally out of the running, outdistanced by his nearest rival, Norton, was apparent from the time the first precinct was reported. It did not look as though his first choice vote would reach 5,000 when first returns from the board of elections were made known this morning.

Because of the complexity of the election and the variety of ballots, the board of elections was unable to begin giving information on the mayoralty race until nearly midnight. The first returns showed Peter Witt leading in first choice votes by a small margin, and Mr. Davis winning on the plurality given him by the total of his first, second and other choice votes.

Until the board of elections began announcing bulletins, the public was dependent for its information on the reports made from voting booths by partisans of the two leading mayoralty camps. Witt headquarters held out hope on the basis of their returns until after midnight, but the reports received from Davis workers showed the Republican a winner.

At 1 a. m., R. J. Bulkley, chairman

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DAVIS IS GRATEFUL

BY HARRY L. DAVIS.

"It has been a great victory for the people who want city affairs conducted in a more economical manner. I am very grateful for the confidence that has been placed in me.

"It has been a great victory because we were not supported by any daily newspaper, nor was our campaign financed by any large money interest.

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How Cleveland precincts went for mayor is told on page 4 of this edition.

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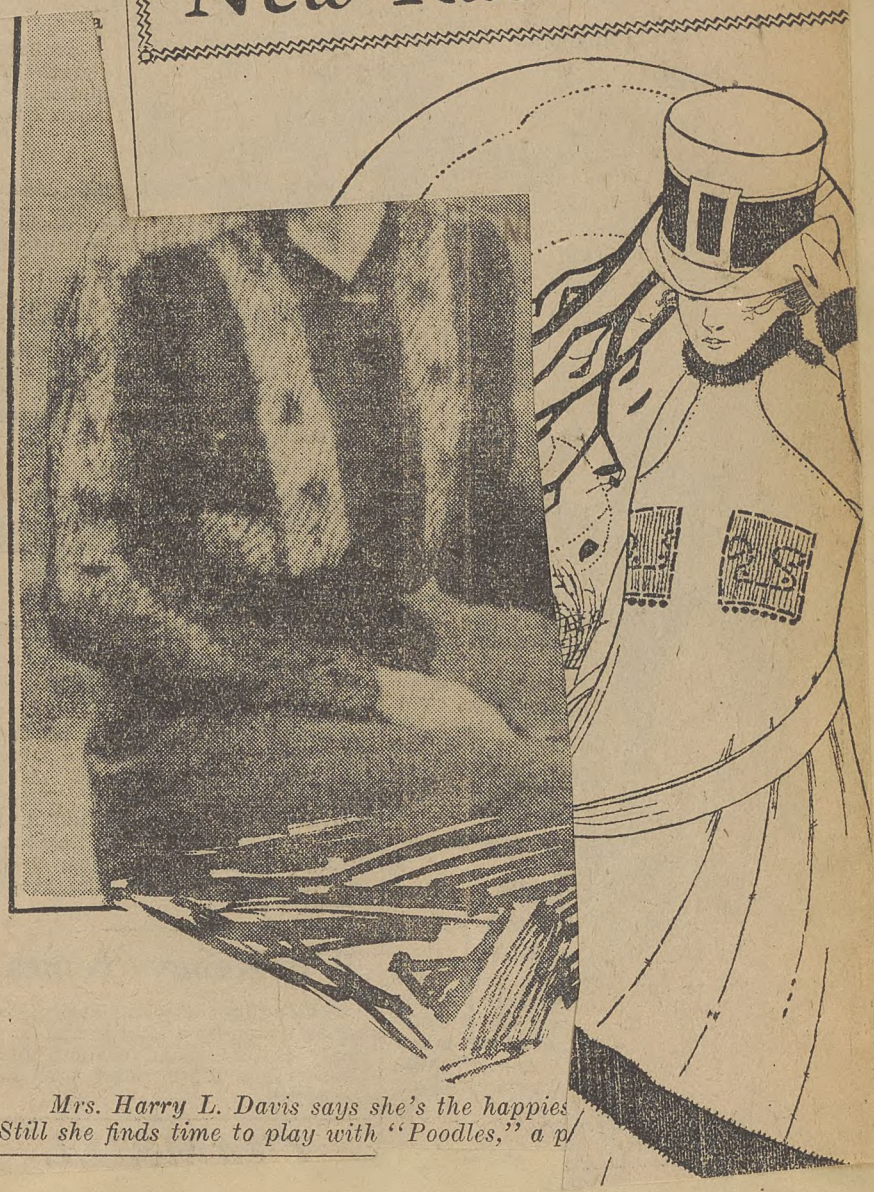
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'GOOD HUSBAND IS GOOD MAYOR'

—MRS. DAVIS.

Wife Guards Mayor-Elect from Early Callers.

"If Harry makes as good a mayor as he has a husband he'll be the best Cleveland ever had."

The mayor-to-be was upstairs snatching a few belated winks of sleep Wednesday morning when the future "first lady of Cleveland" was summing up her husband's good qualities.

Mrs. Davis was answering phone calls at the rate of every 10 seconds.

"Sssh! don't talk loudly," cautioned Mrs. Davis. "Harry thinks I'm sleeping, too. But I just had to get up and thank these phone callers for what they did for Harry."

"It's Harry I'm glad for," she said. "I'm glad because he deserves it. He's a self-made man, you know. He'll make a good mayor."

Mrs. Davis before her marriage was Miss Lucy Fagan. She is active in charity work, but she says she is not a "political woman." She's never taken active part in suffrage movements. As she explained, she's perfectly content to be "just Harry's wife."

WITT SAYS HE HAS NO REGRETS OVER OUTCOME

"The people have made their choice and I abide by the verdict. I have no regrets."

That was Pete Witt's statement Wednesday over his defeat for mayor at the polls Tuesday.

When Pete and Mrs. Witt left for home shortly after 2 a. m. Wednesday, Witt believed himself beaten, but was still uncertain about the actual result.

Pete and his family received the returns in his office in the Leader-News building. In the face of adverse returns all evening, Pete kept up his hope that he had a "fighting chance" to win out.

It was not until about 1:30 a. m. that Pete looked down at his eldest daughter, who had driven his automobile for him thruout the campaign, and said:

"It looks as tho your dad's licked."

Witt gave no outward evidences of any feeling of disappointment over the outcome. He was cheerful all evening, and even sought to cheer up his friends who filled his office.

"You chaps seem to feel this more than I do," he remarked more than once, as he gazed at the glum faces of his followers.

Carl Nau and a corps of accountants made estimates of the probable result, based upon precincts reported by democratic precinct captains, and these returns were read off to the crowd that filled Witt's offices.

Nau's figures all evening indicated the final result would be close, and Nau predicted:

"The plurality one way or another won't exceed 1000."

When it became evident after 2 o'clock in the morning that it would probably be sunrise before the board of elections' count was finished, Witt and Mrs. Witt left for home, Pete remarking:

"We might just as well get some sleep tonight, anyhow."

FINAL FIGURES ON LOCAL VOTE

Here are results from all the 462 precincts in Cleveland in Tuesday's election:

FOR CHIEF JUSTICE OF MUNICIPAL COURT.

William H. McGannon	53,129
F. William Kurzenberger	24,452
William V. Backus	10,451

FOR JUDGES OF MUNICIPAL COURT. (Six-year term).

George P. Baer	49,152
Samuel E. Kramer	36,545
Maurice Bernstein	35,899
Walter McMahon	34,917
John G. Murphy	19,717
Frank E. Hainer	16,738
Theodore B. Green	16,143
Victor J. Conrad	14,999
Ansel B. Curtiss	12,772
Fred F. Truhlar	8,935

FOR JUDGES OF MUNICIPAL COURT. (Four-year term).

Samuel H. Silbert	21,558
David Moylan	19,043
Frank C. Phillips	19,034
Charles L. Biggs	16,726
William F. Fiedler	16,156
Francis W. Poulson	14,364
Robert Granger	14,206
F. S. Day	14,026
Emmett P. Dowling	13,542
Frederick P. Walther	12,199
Albert R. Manning	10,210
Thomas E. Green	9,693
Virgil J. Terrell	8,977
George E. Hagenbuch	6,707
Frank T. Cullitan	6,476
Milan Gallagher	5,294
George A. Howells	4,817
Robert Fisher	4,797
William H. Chapman	4,459
John A. Thompson	4,279
L. N. Lawrence	3,802
Clarence L. Jones	3,674
Berkeley Pearce	3,423
Joseph L. Spitz	3,395
Samuel H. Parks	3,267
William T. Black	2,920
O. W. Broadwell	2,352
Michael F. Hearon	2,099

FOR MEMBERS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Virginia D. Green	51,553
F. William Steffen	47,960
Mark L. Thomsen	40,866
E. O. Wilcox	26,357
M. C. Yeagle	25,496
E. E. Admire	24,567
Minnie Rivkin	15,025
Siegfried Neubauer	12,401
Charles Schovanek	10,787
J. B. Frauenthal	9,907

C. & Y. freight terminal ordinance: For 62,875, against 23,644.

Union depot: For 68,356, against 17,080.

Barber subway, on E. 55th-st: For 63,714, against 20,019.

Charter amendment on annexed territory: For 59,273, against 19,354.

Charter amendment to provide $2.50 minimum wage: For 61,041, against 19,545.

$1,500,000 deficiency bond issue: For 39,010, against 43,943.

Levy for sewage disposal: For 49,041, against 33,865.

Ordinance for muny ownership of street car lines: For 35,391, against 46,603.

$100,000 bond issue for comfort stations; for 50,638, against

Wednesday. She had worked all thru election night. So the birds went breakfastless.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Some people are naturally thin. There is also a natural pallor but most people who are both thin and pale are far from well and they need a tonic.

Many people neglect to take a tonic until they get so sick that a tonic is not sufficient just because the demand of the debilitated body is not insistent enough. The pale face, weak nerves, enfeebled digestion are neglected until the point where pain or actual breakdown requires medical treatment. A tonic taken in time is the best health insurance. It supports the overtaxed system, the worried nerves until nature can make repairs.

Build up the blood and you are sending renewed health and strength to every part of the body. The appetite is improved, the digestion is toned up, there is new color in the cheeks and lips, you worry less, become good natured where before you were irritable and you find new joys in living.

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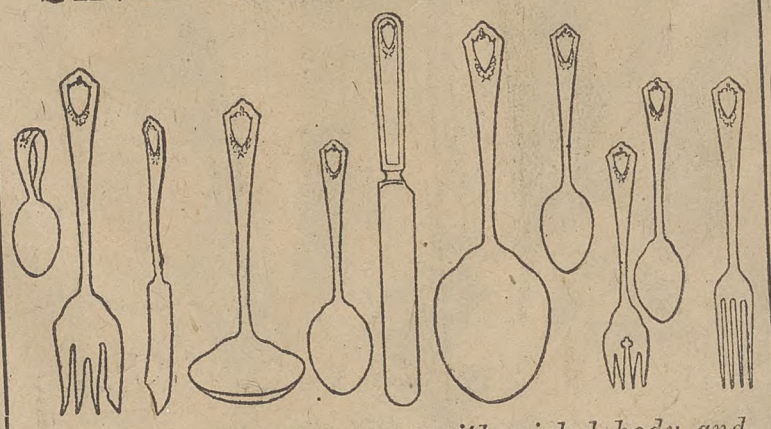
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Dessert Forks	85c for 6	Cold Meat Forks	45c
Table Spoons	$1.10 for 6	Berry Spoons	55c
Table Forks	$1.10 for 6	Gravy Ladles	50c
Table Knives	$1.35 for 6	Cream Ladles	35c

Sugar Shell and Butter Knife, in box, 50c

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NUMBER 11679 CLEVELAND, WEDNESDAY, NOV. 3, 1915 WEATHER: Fair and cool Wednesday night. Fair with a rising temperature Thursday. ONE CENT

RISE OF MASCHKE, FALL OF HANNA IN DAVIS VICTORY

Here's What Happened

The following city officials were elected Tuesday:

MAYOR: Harry L. Davis.

MUNY COURT CLERK: Peter J. Henry.

MUNY COURT, CHIEF JUSTICE: William H. McGannon.

MUNY JUDGES, Six-Year Term: George P. Baer, Samuel E. Kramer, Maurice Bernstein.

MUNY JUDGES, Four-Year Term: Samuel H. Silbert, David Moylan, Frank C. Phillips.

SCHOOL BOARD: Mrs. Virginia D. Green, F. W. Steffen, Mark L. Thomsen.

PROPOSALS ADOPTED

The following proposals submitted to the voters of Cleveland were approved Tuesday:

Ordinance giving the Cleveland & Youngstown Railroad Co. the right to build high level freight yards between E. Ninth-st and E. 34th-st.

Ordinance giving the Ohio C. Barber interests the right to construct a freight subway underneath E. 55th-st from the lake front to the southerly city limits.

Ordinance authorizing the city to complete a deal with railroads for a new union station on the lake front at the foot of E. Third-st.

Charter amendment giving separate council representation to newly annexed territory having a population of over 2000, as an inducements to suburbs, especially East Cleveland and Lakewood, to annex to Cleveland.

Charter amendment fixing $2.50 as the minimum wage to be paid for labor by contractors on city work.

Tax levy of one-fourth of a mill to provide interest and sinking fund for bonds to be issued to complete the intercepting sewer and the sewage disposal system.

Issue of $1,600,000 bonds to pay the city's share of the cost of making 17 East-side grade crossings safe.

Issue of $1,000,000 bonds to build six new school buildings to relieve congestion.

Continuance of one mill special levy to provide revenue for school purposes.

PROPOSALS DEFEATED

These city proposals were defeated:

Issue of $1,500,000 deficiency bonds to meet deficit in city's running expense.

Ordinance initiated by socialists providing for city purchase of the street car lines by mortgage bonds.

Issue of $100,000 bonds for building public comfort stations.

Issue of $300,000 bonds for widening and extending Carnegie-av from E. 89th-st eastward to the boulevard, to relieve traffic congestion.

A two-thirds majority vote was required to pass all city bond issues, a majority vote in the cases of other local issues.

COUNCIL

Democrats retain control of council, holding 14 out of a total of 26 seats. Fifteen members of council were re-elected.

FATHER AND SON ON BENCH

Frank C. Phillips, elected to ne of the four-year term municil judgeships, Wednesday said would seek expert help before goes on the bench.

"I will ask my father to sit th me my first day in court," said.

Phillips' father is common leas judge.

P'S TOWN IS VOTED DRY

United Press.

ATSKILL, N. Y., Nov. 3.— Van Winkle won't come back om his present sleep if he hears his news. His native town of tskill voted dry.

OUR OWN OHIO

OCTON: County officials n posts for roads.

Harry S. Irwin, busiings self in attic.

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Maurice is Restored to Power as County Republican Leader---He'll Move Into Cleveland to Be On the Job.

Here is the full vote on mayoralty and municipal court clerk candidates:

FOR MAYOR

	First Choice.	Second Choice.	Other Choices.	Totals.
Harry L. Davis	36,844	8,549	2,378	47,771
Peter Witt	39,861	3,569	1,510	44,940
Miner G. Norton	14,293	8,535	3,599	26,427
Charles P. Salen	5,856	7,827	4,485	18,168
C. E. Ruthenberg	5,940	4,669	2,517	13,126
Richard Koeppel	475	416	976	1,867

CLERK OF MUNICIPAL COURT

	First Choice.	Second Choice.	Other Choices.	Totals.
Peter J. Henry	37,744	4,665	1,169	43,578
Frederic Kohler	27,780	4,725	1,342	33,847
Earle A. Foster	18,851	4,399	1,797	25,047

Election of Harry L. Davis as mayor of Cleveland means a new alignment of republican forces in Cuyahoga-co.

Davis shot under the wire ahead of Pete Witt in Tuesday's election by a plurality of 2831 on combined first, second and other choice votes.

The victory of the big, smiling man from Newburg restores Maurice Maschke to power as county republican leader, and overthrows the Dan R. Hanna faction.

Maschke announced Wednesday he has sold his home in Lakewood, and is to move at once into Cleveland. Maurice added:

"This election is a good joke on those republicans who didn't have the nerve to get behind Davis." By "those republicans" Maschke meant Hanna and his friends.

Maschke Expected to Be Power In Choosisg of Cabinet.

This was taken as confirmation of the belief that Maschke will be given ear when it comes to making appointments of Davis cabinet members.

Maschke directed Davis' campaign.

Maschke is not believed to be slated for a seat in the new mayor's cabinet. These men are "doped" to land jobs:

Judge Fielder Sanders.

Attorney Lamar T. Beman.

Harry L. Vail, ex-county commissioner.

J. W. Hart, president of the Cleveland federation of labor.

Attorney Pierre White.

Attorney George B. Harris, republican county chairman.

Others In Davis Ranks Are Expected to Land Berths With City.

Others in the Davis ranks who are expected to get big city berths are Fred Brandt, treasurer of the Davis campaign committee; E. W. Davis, of Davis & Farley, insurance brokers; Councilman William B. Woods; Nate Cook; George W. Myers, former county treasurer.

Capt. John Rowlands of the police department is slated to succeed Police Chief W. S. Rowe, who has been on the force 30 years.

William S. FitzGerald, council minority leader, is expected to get Pete Witt's $7500 job as tractioner under Davis.

Placing of Hart in the cabinet is regarded as a certainty, because he has backed Davis strongly, and Davis said in his campaign that a union labor man would be in his cabinet.

They're Expected to Move In From Suburbs to Get Under Plum Tree.

Harris is expected to move in from East Cleveland, following Maschke's example, and Meyers from Cleveland Heights when they get jobs under the new executive.

A possible cabinet lineup Wednesday was:

Law director, White, Harris or Sanders; utilities director, Beman; server, Vail; safer, Hart; finance director, E. W. Davis; director of welfare, Meyers or Woods.

Cook, who's in the insurance brokerage business, and Cleveland's champ baseball fan, has his eye on a berth in a city boxing commission Davis has promised to appoint.

Davis will go into office Jan. 1 pledged to economy. He will face a $1,500,000 deficit in running expenses. He was for defeat of a deficiency bond issue to meet this. It lost.

So Davis will be forced to trim city departments, or go deeper into debt, altho an increased duplicate will bring in additional revenue.

Plans to Issue Short Time Notes and Cut Expenses to Pay Them.

He plans to issue short time notes to meet the deficiency, and take these up with what he saves by cutting expenses.

He has advocated consolidation of the street cleaning and repair departments, and of the bookkeeping and accounting branches of all departments.

He'll face a democratic council majority.

Whether he'll retain Supt. Schulz of the waterworks department, an old-line republican, is speculation. Whom he'll put into Light Commissioner Ballard's seat is also in the air.

Election of Davis banished William L. David, republican from Hancock-co, who recently advocated a "boss" for Cuyahoga-co republicans.

Davis' campaign letters said his election would have an effect on the presidenital election next year. Davis is to back former Senator Burton.

That the big squad of democratic office holders who'll soon go out of city jobs expect to "come back" two years hence was indicated Wednesday when Witt issued this statement:

"Truth loses some battles, but never a war. Tho defeated, the cause I represent has been advanced. Why worry?

Witt would not discuss his plans, except to say he'll stick right on his tractioner job till his successor walks in.

What Analysis of Complete Vote Polled in Cleveland Shows.

Analysis of Tuesday's complete vote in city and county shows:

Witt led Davis by 3017 votes on first choice.

Davis led Witt by 4980 on second choice alone.

Davis' plurality on first, second and other choice votes combined was 2831.

The combined votes of all three classes for Davis, 47,771, failed by 3863 of being a majority of the total vote cast on first choice, which was 103,269.

Davis' total vote, all three classes, against Mayor Baker in 1913, was 41,857. Thus he gained 5914 in grand total this year over his run two years a.

Witt, on the other hand, n 1446 votes behind the grand total rung up by Baker in 19 which was 46,386.

Miner Norton ran third, th a grand total of 26,427, and Salen fourth, with a total of 168 on all three choices.

Salen was led by C. E. Ruthenberg, socialist candidate, on first choice votes. Ruthenberg had 5940, Salen 5856.

Ruthenberg polled more fi choice votes than Joseph Robb, socialist candidate two years a, but fell behind Robb in total of all three choices.

Davis' plurality on all th choices was lower than the majority of 3225 Baker had on fi and second choices.

Davis cut into Witt in de ratic strongholds, and Norton drew from Davis' vote in repu can quarters.

Salen claimed his vote he d defeat Witt.

Drys Show Gains In Both Cleveland and Cuyahoga-co

The drys showed gains in ty and county over last year. In 1914, the figures on prohibi n were, yes, 36,203; no, 80,913; majority of 44,710 in the coun ; and yes, 27,764; no, 71,969, a majority of 44,205 in the city.

This year's figures were the county, yes, 39,752; no, 77,305; a majority of 37,553; in e city, yes, 31,180; no, 68,826, a majority of 37,646.

This year's total vote of 1,269 dropped below last year's record of 105,066.

The fact that Davis was ted mayor altho Witt led him on first choice votes, and altho avis, on combined three choices, did not have a majority of the tal vote, stirred up agitation in political circles for abolition of the preferential voting system.

Here's what they said W esday about the system:

MAYO FESLER, secretary of civic league: If an attempt is made by leaders of either pa y or of both to oust the preferential voting system, we will fi t it. There is nothing to justify such a move.

MAYOR BAKER: It is y doubtful in my mind whether the preferential voting syste was responsible for Witt's defeat. I lay it rather to the eneral financial condition. The people were looking for ways to economize and the announcements of Davis that he wou save them money appealed to them.

R. J. BULKLEY, chairman of the democratic executive committee: I always have be n opposed to both the preferential and the nonpartisan sys ms of voting. Most democratic leaders feel the same way. I expect several conferences will be held this week to see if so ething can't be done along remedial lines.

GEORGE B. HARRIS, me ber republican committee: The preferential system is a miser le method of voting. Republicans never did approve of it.

MINER G. NORTON: I ever did favor the preferential voting system. I think it a po r method.

MAURICE MASCHKE: I always have been against the preferential voting system.

Davis will be the fourth republican mayor elected in Cleveland in the last 20 years.

In 1895 Robert McKisson (R.) defeated Robert Blee (D.) by a 7261 plurality.

In 1897 McKisson was re-elected over John H. Farley (D.) by 2478 plurality.

In 1909 Herman Baehr (R.) defeated Tom L. Johnson (D.) by 3694 plurality.

Studies of Mayor-Elect Davis, Sketches of Mrs. Davis and Home



BILL, BAD BANDIT, IS CAVE MAIDEN

By United Press.

PASSAIC, N. J., Nov. 3. — "Somewhere in the woods near here lives "Bill Dalton, the bandit chief of the Ozarks." Bill, the bandit, is thirteen and in private life is Miss Dorothy Wallace.

Searching parties found a cave where the girl, missing a week, was living, but she escaped.

Her cave-home bore the sign: "Bill the Bandit's Cave."

BETHLEHEM STEEL ON TOBOGGAN; GOES TO 425

By United Press.

NEW YORK, Nov. 3.—Bethlehem Steel hit the skids today, and an hour after the opening of the market sold at 425, a decline of 36 from Monday's close and 175 below the high mark of 600 ten days ago.

OCTOBER COMES BACK

More of "October's bright blue weather" carried over into November is predicted for Wednesday by Weatherman Alexander.

Up in Vermont it's snowing, tho.

Official temperatures:

Midnight	45	7 a. m.	43
1 a. m.	45	8 a. m.	43
2 a. m.	45	9 a. m.	42
3 a. m.	45	10 a. m.	42
4 a. m.	44	11 a. m.	42
5 a. m.	44	Noon	42
6 a. m.	44	1 p. m.	42

ELECTION JOY IS FATAL

By United Press.

NEW YORK, Nov. 3.—"'Ray fer Tammany!" shouted William Duffy, returning from an election celebration. He fell over the railing of the third floor and was killed.

FEW WHO SUE SAY THIS

By United Press.

NEW YORK, Nov. 3. — Mrs. Paul Lewis, seventeen, wife of a ball player, has sued for a divorce saying she "didn't know what she was doing" when she married.

DEER IS CHEAP THIS WAY

By United Press.

WINSTED, Conn., Nov. 3.—L. P. Hornbeck, county game protector, and Louis Rhoades, constable, were motoring beside the railroad when an express train hurled a 200-pound deer into their auto.

VOTERS OF OHIO DEFEAT STATE AMENDMENTS

Prohibition Beaten by Estimated Vote of from 50,000 to 60,000.

WORKERS STAND BY I. & R.

Defeat Stability League Proposal Despite Efforts of Liquor Men.

By United Press.

COLUMBUS, Nov. 3.—Ohio voters Tuesday defeated all six of the state propositions submitted to them by the following estimated majorities:

Statewide prohibition, defeated by 50,000.

Stability league amendment to limit the use of the initiative and referendum, defeated by 35,000.

Bond taxation exemption amendment, defeated by 10,000.

Amendment extending terms of county officers, defeated by 250,000.

McDermott liquor license decentralizer law, defeated by about 50,000.

Sprague congressional gerrymander law, defeated by about 35,000.

Vote on Amendments.

On the Sprague law, 2581 precincts out of 5500 gave 117,547 for the law and 138,972 against it.

On the McDermott law, 2501 precincts out of 5500 gave 107,522 for and 149,335 against.

On statewide prohibition, 4029 out of 5517 gave 297,221 for and 354,449 against.

On the county officers term extender amendment, 2608 precincts out of 5500 gave 91,327 for and 246,210 against.

On the stability league amendment, 3291 precincts out of 5500 gave 226,790 for, and 251,194 against.

On the bond exemption amendment, 3917 precincts out of 5500 gave 226,439 for, and 221,900 against.

Cities for Bond Exemption.

In the case of the bond exemption amendment, which was ahead on the returns from 3033 precincts, the total affirmative vote contains most of the big pluralities given the amendment by Cincinnati, Cleveland, Toledo, Dayton, and other big cities and the 2200 precincts yet to be heard from are for the most part rural precincts and the country generally voted hard against this amendment.

Whereas city votes kept Ohio in the wet column while the country voted for prohibition, the rural districts on the other hand furnished the votes that killed the stability league amendment and the amendment exempting bonds from taxation.

Wet Majority 57,900.

Returns from 3860 precincts in 85 out of 88 counties in the state showed a net majority against state-wide prohibition of exactly 57,900.

This is an average wet majority of exactly 15 votes to a precinct on the 3860 reporting.

Prohibition lost last year by 84,000. Figuring a wet lead of 15 votes per precinct, the state's total 5500 precincts this year would give a total wet majority of 82,500.

But the rural counties which voted dry this year have cut in much more heavily on the big wet majorities rolled up by the cities than they did last year.

Wets Get Lead in Cities.

Eleven hundred and forty-five city precincts in Cleveland, Toledo, Cincinnati, Columbus and Dayton had polled the wets a lead of 104,100 votes in those cities.

But returns from the rural counties showed the farmers had pared that majority down to a 57,900 wet majority for the whole state.

Workers Stand By I. & R.

The wets of Ohio were not able to hold their followers in line for

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"NEW DEAL" IN CITY HALL IS DAVIS PROMISE

Next Mayor Won't Discuss Cabinet Appointments or Office Policies.

Harry L. Davis, mayor-elect, Wednesday in the first interview since his election, told The Press how he proposes to govern the city after Jan. 1.

"I believe I will assume the office of mayor in better shape than any mayor of Cleveland ever did before," said Davis.

"I shall be mayor of all the people in the fullest meaning of that phrase. I have made no promises nor pledges to any one outside of the pledges contained in my platform. I owe my election to no big interests nor parties, except my immediate friends, who assisted me in the fight.

It has been a most strenuous campaign for me. I am utterly tired out. I leave for the east tonight for a two or three weeks rest.

"I am going to forget politics entirely. I want to get my brain rested and cleared up before I definitely settle upon my policies and the makeup of my cabinet.

"I have promised no man a job. I have considered no man fo any job in my cabinet or outside it, and I shall consider no man until I return from my vacation.

Mrs. Davis Too Tired to Accompany Him.

"Mrs. Davis, too, is worn out. She is too tired to accompany me tonight. I shall send for her later on to join me on my trip."

Davis said he was going to persuade Nate Cook to go with him on his vacation. Cook is expected to take some good position in the Davis administration.

"How do you expect to operate the city in the face of its big financial deficit?" he was asked.

"I expect to take care of the deficit by issuing short time notes," responded Davis.

"I believe I will be able to get these notes from the Federal reserve bank at 3 per cent. When the European war is over, money is going to be cheap. I expect to save some money each year and retire these notes gradually. I'm going to make this saving in various ways."

"Will you slash salaries and

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Puzzle Picture Contest

What Photo Play is represented by the puzzle picture on Page 19 tonight?



Women's Suits of Fine Broadcloth, $29.75
Correct in every detail of tailoring and style.

Women's Suits of Rich Velvets, $29.75
Beautifully fashioned on the newest lines.

Women's Suits of Corduroy, $35.00
Handsome in style and quality.

The Higbee Company *will hold a Special*
The New Evening Wraps for Women
proved and authentic styles for the Winter sea
desirable are the handsome garments of broad
satin with fur and marabout trimmings.
Special **$39.00 a**

Women's Dainty New Under
of Muslin and Crepe de

FRESH from their wrappings are thousands of undergarm
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chine, at prices that are moderate to a degree certain to co
every woman. Featured for Wednesday are:

Corset Covers — trimmed at back and front with various patterns of dainty laces and organdie medallions **$1.00**

Bodice — of crepe de chine trimmed with laces of various patterns with wide lace band over shoulders; ribbon drawn; pink and white..... **$1.50**

Envelope Chemises — of crepe de chine are to be had at this special price in two most desirable styles; one with lace edge trimming and hand-embroidered designs; another with lace yoke forming shoulder strap; ribbon drawn..... **$2.95**

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WARD TWENTY-FIVE.

Pct.	DAVIS. 1	2	3	WITT. 1	2	3	NORTON. 1	2	3	SALE 1	2
A.	32	32	8	155	9	5	42	30	8	22	10
C.	51	30	2	75	7	1	45	26	9	12	16
D.	86	29	9	141	9	5	59	30	11	8	21
E.	59	24	2	104	5	2	55	19	15	10	9
F.	2	16	9	75	4	3	53	25	5	2	12
G.	96	23	11	128	8	1	45	35	5	22	22
I.	66	37	8	102	14	9	59	30	7	20	16
J.	61	24	8	97	10	2	59	31	11	14	15
K.	61	34	8	97	10	2	59	31	11	14	15
N.	106	39	6	100	7	4	66	52	22	17	37
P.	63	32	8	96	8	4	75	25	11	2	24
Q.	83	22	7	96	10	1	65	34	14	10	20

WARD TWENTY-SIX.

Pct.	DAVIS. 1	2	3	WITT. 1	2	3	NORTON. 1	2	3	SALE 1	2
B.	68	39	11	123	8	3	96	35	23	16	30
E.	71	47	11	117	8	6	77	38	10	14	20
F.	67	28	16	89	11	8	77	17	23	12	3
H.	99	24	14	69	7	7	69	16	10	19	24
M.	55	23	9	88	9	5	71	26	13	19	16
N.	68	35	7	116	11	4	61	5	11	9	25
T.	87	14	43	103	19	4	98	46	17	18	28
U.	50	11	9	70	16	6	31	12	8	17	12
V.	50	11	9	70	16	6	31	12	8	19	12

G.O.P. SWEEPS BRIDGEPOR

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Nov. 2.—
The Republicans swept Bridgepo
in the four-cornered mayoralty ele
tion today, Mayor Clifford B. Wi
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for the third time. The u

DAVIS WINS



Wife of Mayor-Elect Davis

PRECINCTS FOR MAYOR

ESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1915.

Peter J. Henry 9,634, first choice; 1,128, second choice; 275, other choices.
Frederic Kohler 6,622. first choice; 1,128, second choice; 317, other choices.

FOR CHIEF JUSTICE OF MUNICIPAL COURT
William V. Backus, 2,458; F. Wm. Kurzenberger, 5,324; William H. McGannon, 13,053.

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Today's Weather

Fair today and tomorrow is local forecast.

The Cleveland Leader

8 O'CLOCK EXTRA

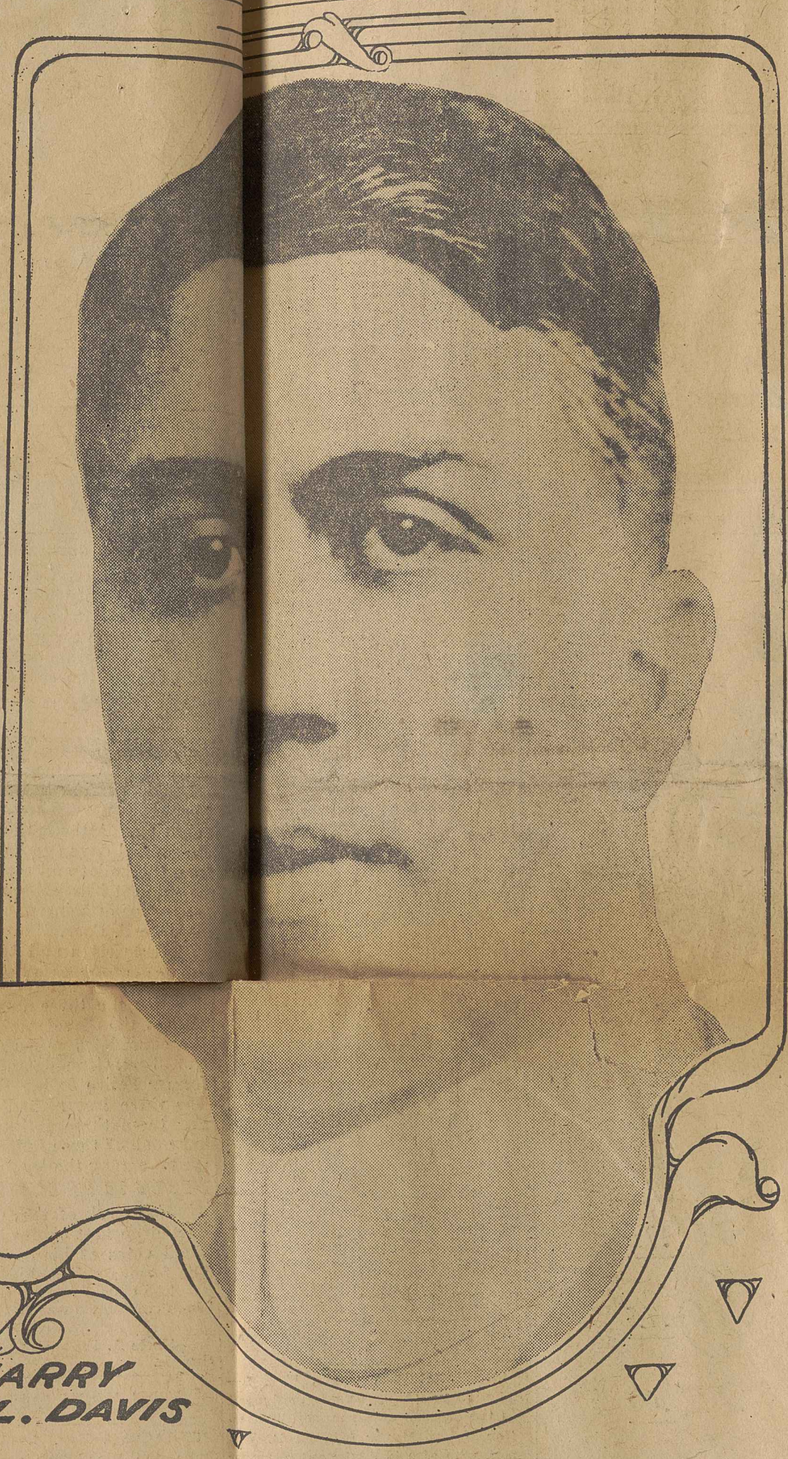
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DAVIS WINS BY 3000 TO 5000

WITT LOSES IN 'CHOICES'

Final Margin May Reach 5,000; McGannon Heads Bench Ticket—Baer, Kramer, Bernstein, Silbert, Moylan and Fiedler or Phillips Also Win—School Board Slate Goes in.

Cleveland's New Mayor



HARRY L. DAVIS

Election at a Glance

MAYOR—Harry L. Davis.

PROHIBITION — Defeated in county by about 35,000; defeated in state by 50,000 to 70,000.

CITY BOND ISSUES AND PROPOSALS (except deficiency bonds and street car purchase)—Adopted.

McDERMOTT AND SPRAGUE LAWS—Defeated in city and state.

CHIEF JUSTICE MUNICIPAL COURT—Wm. H. McGannon.

JUDGES, SIX-YEAR TERM—George P. Baer, Samuel E. Kramer, Maurice Bernstein.

JUDGES, FOUR-YEAR TERM—Samuel H. Silbert, David Moylan, Frank C. Phillips or William F. Fiedler.

COURT CLERK—Peter Henry.

BOARD OF EDUCATION—Mark L. Thomsen, Virginia Green, F. W. Steffen.

COUNCIL—Sixteen Democrats, 10 Republicans.

BULLETIN

Two hundred and ninety precincts, official, give:

	First.	Second.	Third.
Davis	21,595	4,787	1,371
Witt	22,749	1,961	827

Total, all choices: Davis, 27,753; Witt, 25,537.

BY JOHN T. BOURKE.

Harry L. Davis has been elected mayor of Cleveland by a plurality of 3,000 to 5,000 on the combined first, second and third choice votes cast on the preferential ballot at yesterday's municipal election.

The race, one of the closest in the political history of the city, was not decided until a late hour, Davis and Peter Witt running neck and neck throughout the city.

DEMOCRATS HOPE ON, BUT GIVE IN.

It was not until 1 o'clock this morning that Robert J. Bulkley, chairman of the Democratic organization, conceded the election of Harry Davis. His admission followed a declaration by Customs Collector Burr Gongwer that he beieved Witt had no chance.

At two o'clock this morning Witt prepared to leave the street railway commissioner's office saying:

"I think I'll go home now and wake up in the morning and find out what happened.

"I have no regrets."

Davis' plurality, however, may reach 5,000. The strength he developed surprised even his most enthusiastic and optimistic supporters. With Witt a close second, Miner G. Norton, who divided the Republican vote with Davis, ran third, polling about 10,000 first choice votes. Charles P. Salen was a poor fourth in the race, with C. E. Ruthenberg, Socialist, fifth, and Richard Koeppel, Socialist Labor nominee, sixth.

Official returns at election headquarters from 160 precincts give:

	First Choice	Second Choice	Other Choices
Harry L. Davis	10,788	2,445	733
Richard Koeppel	122	111	284
Miner G. Norton	3,571	2,562	1,033
C. E. Ruthenberg	1,445	1,152	705
Chas. P. Salen	1,633	2,318	1,353
Peter Witt	11,551	945	420

DAVIS IS NEVER HEADED

From the time the first precinct returns were received Davis was never headed in the count of the votes. At that it was known early in the night that none of the candidates had come within cannon shot of having a majority of first choice votes. Later it became evident that second choice ballots combined with first choice votes would not elect either Davis or Witt.

Until after midnight the Democratic organization leaders contended that Witt had pulled through. Mayor Baker was the first to throw up the sponge, and on leaving his office in the city hall for his home he said:

"While the race is still close, it looks as though Davis will be elected. I am gratified by the expression of public opinion on the proposed city improvements; and whoever is elected mayor for the next two years will undoubtedly carry out the will of the people."

SALEN SAYS DAVIS GOT HIS VOTES.

Charles P. Salen, after learning that Davis' election was certain, said: "Evidently Davis got the benefit of my campaign against the present Democratic administration. The voters seemed

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75,000 Worth of New Rugs for $51,000

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after exquisite oriental rugs.

This is a Different Event
Offering New Opportunities!

—because they are opportunities that present themselves but rarely, even in small groups. Never within our recollection has such a magnificent selection of magnificent rugs been put forth in the way of a general sale event.

—Vouched for by The May Co., the values should bring out scores of those who are constantly in search of handsome home furnishings.

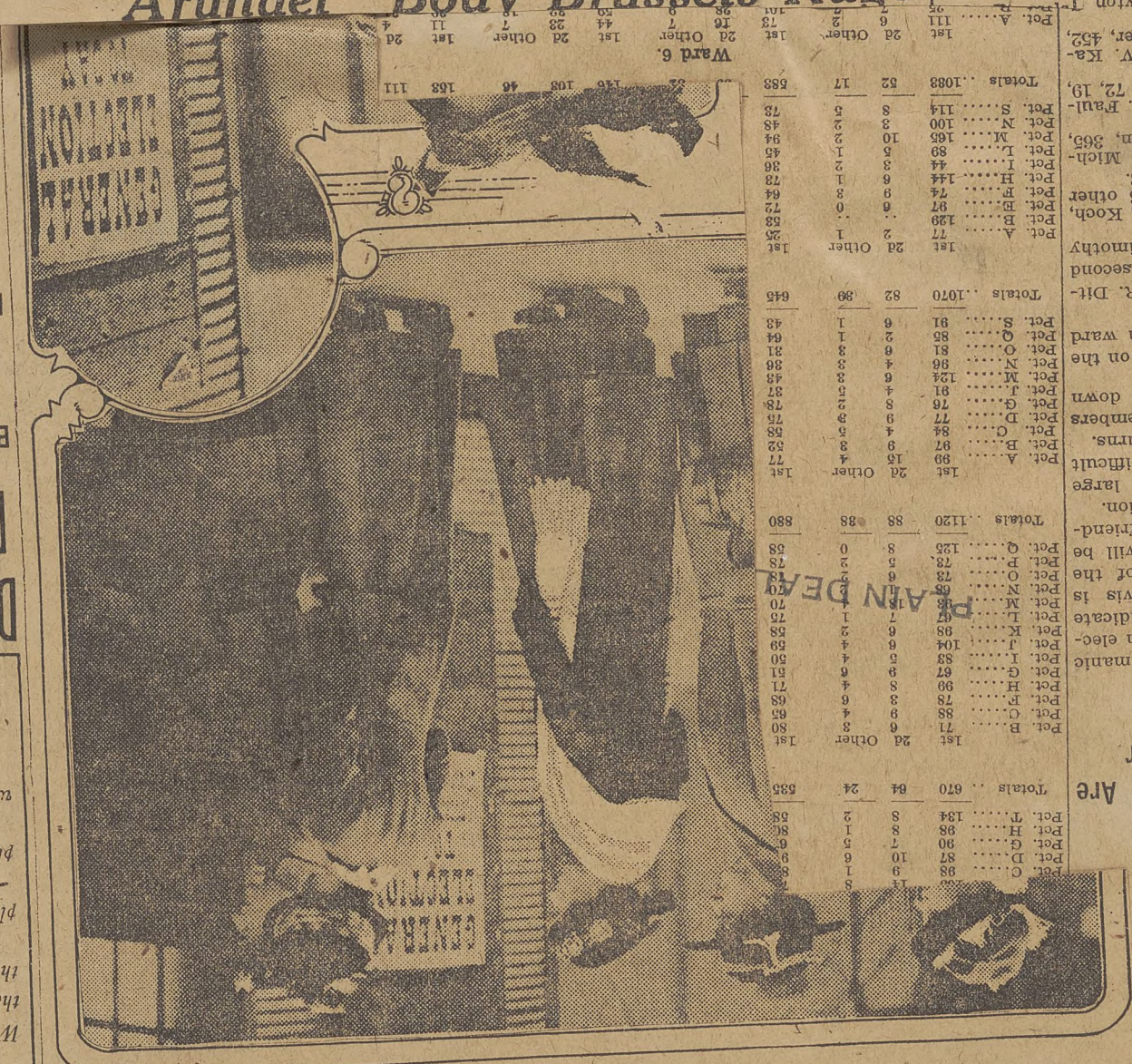
—And serves as a splendid introductory to this great rug section that is increasing its ability to serve its public so rapidly.

"Arundel" body Brussels rugs mark the full excellence of this most widely appreciated weave, are high grade and full five frame. As in all Wiltons, the designs and colorings are wonderful and new.

Savings Average a third —almost exactly. They in reality average more than that because rugs and carpets are costing more to make than the mill value of these. Sale on Fourth Floor.

"Arundel" Body Brussels Rugs

Hampton



PRECINCTS IN COUNTRY OFFSE

COUNCIL MAJORI WOMEN FLOCK TO POLLS TO CAST SCHOOL VOTES IS AGAINST DA

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Returns received at 1 o'clock on the two leading candidates in each ward were:

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| Ward 6. | | |

PRECINCT VOTE ON MAYOR CANDIDATES

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Ward 13, five precincts: Charles A. Kadlecek, 318, 44, 13; J. E. Votava, 301, 40, 9.

Ward 14, five precincts: J. F. Sledz, 347, 20, 19; S. M. Dembowski, 225, 26, 18.

Ward 15, five precincts: W. F. Thompson, 359, 22, 1; G. A. Rankin, 266, 30, 11.

Ward 16, two precincts: W. G. Tack, 319, 22, 8; R. S. Taylor, 224, 32, 7.

Ward 17, seven precincts: W. L. Wagner, 617, 46, 11; George Whitehouse, 306, 59, 3.

Ward 18, no returns received on councilman at 1 a. m.

Ward 19, eight precincts: William Stolte, 703, 110, 41; J. D. Marshall, 318, 165.

Ward 20, one precinct: C. B. Stannard, 83, 14, 1; DeLo E. Mook, 39, 17, 1.

Ward 21, seven precincts: John M. Sulzmann, 967, 42, 19; C. T. Manchester, 73, 71, 13.

Ward 22, seven precincts: E. A. Meyers, 547, 61, 18; Rudolph Spilberg, 382, 68, 17.

Ward 23, twelve precincts: A. J. Damm, 1,170, 61, 15; Frederick Leek, 614, 93, 23.

Ward 24, ten precincts: E. H. Krueger, 438, 117, 64; Carl F. Wetzel, 415, 153, 44.

Ward 25, seven precincts: J. E. Smith, 799, 84, 22; Charles Switzer, 481, 98, 14.

Ward 26, six precincts: William Rolf, 514, 88, 34; W. C. Schaefer, 363, 106, 35.

W. B. Gongwer, at Democratic headquarters, on conceding the election of Mr. Davis, predicted that the majority of the council will be opposed to the views of Mr. Davis. Fifteen members of the new council, it was predicted, will be men in sympathy with the present administration. It is likely that E. H. Krueger will succeed Robert Foster in the twenty-fourth ward. Mr. Krueger is a Democrat.

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PLAIN DEALER

Ward 1.

	WITT			DAVIS			NORTON			SALEN		
	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other
Pct. B	122	6	5	81	43	13	61	44	13	36	38	20
Pct. C	55	4	3	61	22	10	51	26	8	36	25	15
Pct. D	88	6	1	61	27	10	57	22	7	19	2	17
Pct. E	114	17	4	83	45	6	64	17	10	27	36	27
Pct. J	49	9	0	40	28	8	58	11	7	19	14	5
Pct. I	91	11	5	49	29	6	61	15	8	6	4	10
Pct. N	91	8	4	74	28	7	65	31	5	20	14	17
Pct. S	97	9	6	53	17	7	41	7	6	10	17	7
Totals	707	70	28	502	239	67	458	173	64	164	142	117

Ward 2.

	WITT			DAVIS			NORTON			SALEN		
	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other
Pct. A	165	14	8	78	41	7	60	40	7	18	23	25
Pct. C	98	9	1	81	29	3	71	33	8	11	31	19
Pct. D	87	10	6	97	35	7	69	33	13	13	23	16
Pct. G	90	7	5	61	9	3	22	14	11	7	13	7
Pct. H	98	8	1	80	18	4	14	11	8	14	16	10
Pct. T	134	8	2	58	37	4	48	18	10	19	19	15
Totals	670	64	24	535	187	32	292	160	63	82	125	92

Ward 3.

	WITT			DAVIS			NORTON			SALEN		
	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other
Pct. B	71	6	3	80	27	4	30	17	7	5	26	10
Pct. C	88	9	4	65	12	8	6	5	9	46	27	6
Pct. F	78	3	6	68	35	24	64	13	6	16	21	10
Pct. H	99	8	4	71	26	8	52	19	10	21	20	4
Pct. G	67	9	6	51	16	6	31	18	6	21	17	9
Pct. I	83	5	4	50	8	6	24	17	3	12	10	7
Pct. J	104	6	4	59	4	8	55	22	4	15	23	10
Pct. K	98	6	2	58	41	7	45	21	12	25	26	13
Pct. L	97	7	1	75	16	2	25	11	3	14	9	7
Pct. M	98	13	2	70	15	4	22	10	4	22	18	4
Pct. N	68	11	2	70	17	4	24	22	4	17	18	6
Pct. O	73	6	2	78	14	2	43	23	7	14	15	3
Pct. P	73	5	2	78	13	5	28	8	5	16	19	4
Pct. Q	125	8	0	58	11	0	16	10	5	3	14	1
Totals	1120	88	38	880	239	82	429	198	79	226	246	81

Ward 4.

	WITT			DAVIS			NORTON			SALEN		
	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other
Pct. A	99	15	4	77	26	5	41	17	17	18	16	10
Pct. B	97	9	3	52	6	1	0	0	0	24	9	5
Pct. C	84	4	5	58	17	4	21	14	4	14	16	5
Pct. D	77	9	9	75	15	5	13	14	3	11	13	5
Pct. G	76	8	2	78	14	2	11	12	6	24	6	10
Pct. J	91	4	5	37	8	3	9	14	4	11	6	7
Pct. M	124	6	3	43	21	6	31	11	14	23	24	12
Pct. N	96	4	3	36	6	3	13	9	11	12	6	9
Pct. O	81	6	3	31	17	5	21	7	6	17	16	7
Pct. Q	85	2	1	64	7	4	10	5	1	15	11	2
Pct. S	91	6	1	43	7	4	10	5	8	18	15	6
Totals	1070	82	39	645	161	48	211	126	80	190	155	87

Ward 5.

	WITT			DAVIS			NORTON			SALEN		
	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other
Pct. A	77	2	1	25	3	5	8	13	4	4	3	1
Pct. B	129	..	..	53	..	..	19	..	..	21	..	..
Pct. E	97	6	0	72	23	5	14	17	4	19	21	8
Pct. F	74	9	3	64	8	1	19	6	6	16	14	2
Pct. H	144	6	1	73	15	0	7	6	7	14	14	7
Pct. I	44	3	2	36	7	1	18	14	0	5	7	6
Pct. L	89	5	1	45	8	8	9	10	7	19	5	5
Pct. M	165	10	2	94	11	6	22	16	9	18	13	18
Pct. N	100	3	2	48	11	3	13	7	3	12	11	5
Pct. S	114	8	5	73	19	8	27	14	6	25	23	12
Totals	1083	52	17	583	99	32	146	103	46	153	111	64

Ward 6.

	WITT			DAVIS			NORTON			SALEN		
	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other
Pct. A	111	6	2	73	16	7	44	23	7	11	4	2
Pct. B	25	7	7	101	28	9	59	32	18	39	31	15
Pct. D	83	8	3	73	27	3	67	14	7	10	24	7
Pct. E	104	12	4	70	17	8	46	21	8	17	20	7
Pct. F	82	6	2	62	25	6	107	28	3	5	24	10
Pct. G	100	10	4	87	14	3	38	25	6	10	13	3
Pct. H	110	12	1	67	40	2	78	35	6	13	5	21
Pct. I	82	7	3	71	29	5	75	23	10	11	27	9
Pct. J	46	3	3	77	13	7	63	18	3	8	22	0
Pct. K	95	11	2	98	21	4	78	19	9	16	27	8
Pct. Q	101	8	3	90	26	4	63	26	9	22	25	12
Pct. O	131	17	2	89	7	7	55	19	8	62	22	10
Pct. S	117	6	4	79	38	2	84	19	12	9	23	13
Totals	1322	122	49	1135	321	74	928	334	122	262	276	137

Ward 7.

	WITT			DAVIS			NORTON			SALEN		
	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other
Pct. A	61	7	3	85	11	4	11	13	5	16	11	6
Pct. B	61	8	1	52	9	2	11	7	1	4	7	8
Pct. C	53	9	3	85	17	3	28	12	6	21	25	10
Pct. E	52	2	0	87	9	1	6	8	2	6	9	6
Pct. F	74	13	2	75	12	2	17	21	9	14	2	5
Pct. G	84	4	3	84	14	7	31	14	6	11	13	10
Pct. I	82	13	0	56	22	3	41	16	11	21	13	11
Pct. J	67	8	1	76	17	2	23	23	6	9	7	15
Pct. O	122	3	2	70	22	4	18	12	6	18	17	7
Pct. P	88	3	2	58	21	5	28	15	7	9	14	14
Totals	632	67	15	659	132	29	198	129	54	111	101	85

Ward 8.

	WITT			DAVIS			NORTON			SALEN		
	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other
Pct. A	76	3	7	79	9	1	8	6	6	8	25	8
Pct. C	71	0	3	111	8	4	2	3	2	10	10	2
Pct. B	91	7	3	44	9	6	17	9	4	10	15	15
Pct. E	59	8	1	58	16	4	28	16	4	13	18	7
Pct. G	87	7	1	80	16	1	25	12	0	11	16	5
Pct. H	51	3	1	70	21	4	25	10	8	14	16	4
Pct. I	83	9	4	51	15	7	31	13	6	17	19	9
Pct. K	120	53	9	51	20	7	38	21	9	28	24	9
Pct. L	76	7	5	69	14	6	25	8	1	18	16	7
Pct. M	88	4	4	65	30	4	45	27	6	14	20	14
Pct. P	109	12	3	74	29	4	33	24	10	25	32	20
Totals	1053	116	43	821	209	46	295	156	72	186	228	107

Ward 9.

	WITT			DAVIS			NORTON			SALEN		
	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other
Pct. G	87	7	3	90	16	4	5	13	8	12	21	3
Pct. J	61	2	0	58	13	0	8	4	4	5	17	7
Pct. M	79	6	6	98	21	8	19	22	16	16	26	8
Pct. N	44	6	5	65	18	4	20	18	10	17	47	19
Pct. O	72	5	1	72	19	3	16	15	7	16	15	2
Totals	343	26	15	383	90	19	68	72	45	66	126	40

Ward 10.

	WITT			DAVIS			NORTON			SALEN		
	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other
Pct. A	87	8	3	97	8	3	15	9	2	9	2	3
Pct. D	77	4	0	46	7	2	8	8	1	2	8	3
Pct. B	46	4	2	29	7	1	7	6	2	3	5	4
Pct. F	125	11	5	52	19	3	32	19	4	7	20	8
Pct. J	94	8	3	52	10	6	14	12	5	10	11	5
Pct. M	70	7	3	51	14	2	17	11	3	6	10	6
Pct. Q	58	5	2	50	20	4	18	11	6	10	18	8
Totals	507	47	18	317	85	21	111	76	23	47	74	37

Ward 11.

	WITT			DAVIS			NORTON			SALEN		
	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other
Pct. A	66	13	2	109	17	10	13	19	15	17	20	9
Pct. C	64	8	7	83	18	7	35	2	16	16	32	12
Pct. K	44	4	3	119	10	5	13	12	10	12	4	5
Totals	274	25	12	205	45	22	61	33	41	45	56	26

Ward 12.

	WITT			DAVIS			NORTON			SALEN		
	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other
Pct. C	23	2	1	103	7	9	4	1	0	16	1	0
Pct. F	21	0	1	110	3	3	4	2	1	12	8	4
Pct. O	89	5	1	92	6	3	3	3	1	7	10	4
Totals	133	7	3	305	16	15	11	11	2	35	19	8

Ward 13.

	WITT			DAVIS			NORTON			SALEN		
	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other
Pct. D	110	9	2	102	12	2	5	7	0	5	11	0
Pct. F	66	4	3	113	9	2	5	9	2	2	6	6
Pct. G	73	5	3	121	9	3	8	11	6	6	14	6
Pct. H	63	10	3	117	7	2	5	4	0	4	2	5
Pct. I	73	4	3	121	10	8	10	15	10	4	14	0
Pct. K	78	4	1	141	7	1	3	6	3	2	5	0
Pct. M	63	4	1	36	10	3	10	5	2	22	9	4
Pct. N	68	1	2	70	17	4	24	22	4	17	18	6
Pct. P	67	5	2	127	10	3	2	6	3	4	5	3
Pct. Q	76	6	3	167	17	0	4	8	8	3	0	0
Totals	734	56	22	1192	85	31	57	78	35	53	75	26

Ward 14.

	WITT			DAVIS			NORTON			SALEN		
	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other
Pct. B	123	4	7	98	16	3	20	13	9	7	10	10
Pct. E	139	6	5	122	13	2	10	18	19	3	20	5
Pct. F	93	7	2	114	9	1	5	4	2	15	5	6
Pct. H	33	2	2	75	2	4	6	10	1	1	3	3
Pct. I	93	6	1	159	10	6	1	3	6	6	6	6
Pct. J	76	0	1	125	0	1	2	7	1	9	11	5
Pct. N	42	2	2	176	5	1	5	6	6	6	16	5
Pct. S	61	8	3	155	9	4	4	6	6	5	15	4
Totals	587	31	16	926	48	19	33	54	41	45	76	34

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Ward 15.

	WITT			DAVIS			NORTON			SALEN		
	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other
Pct. A	97	6	0	121	6	0	6	19	19	16	0	0
Pct. E	36	0	0	72	19	6	1	3	12	3	2	5
Pct. G	84	4	7	161	8	5	3	5	15	10	9	14	8
Pct. I	77	4	1	95	4	1	4	11	14	6	2	11	4
Pct. J	46	2	0	49	1	0	1	21	16	0	1	5	2
Pct. U	93	13	0	113	6	1	6	40	29	9	5	10	8
Totals	556	34	15	604	24	7	24	119	102	69	26	55	28

Ward 16.

	WITT			DAVIS			NORTON			SALEN		
	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other
Pct. B	89	8	4	99	4	1	4	15	8	10	8	15	6
Pct. H	99	15	7	126	6	1	6	12	10	8	8	19	6
Pct. I	66	3	2	66	3	1	2	19	13	4	8	9	11
Pct. J	65	2	2	38	1	0	1	2	3	4	2	6	3
Pct. K	146	12	4	102	4	1	4	18	16	4	6	10	8
Pct. O	98	9	5	74	3	1	4	26	14	6	8	10	4
Pct. P	215	19	7	107	5	1	5	40	23	5	16	15	4
Pct. Q	119	4	3	57	1	0	1	1	0	11	5	12	4
Pct. S	215	18	7	107	5	1	5	40	23	8	37	20	3
Totals	897	72	34	669	47	7	47	133	27	55	61	96	46

Ward 17.

	WITT			DAVIS			NORTON			SALEN		
	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other
Pct. A	87	11	7	79	9	6	9	77	9	2	5
Pct. B	73	7	3	75	1	1	12	13	5	7	13	5
Pct. C	86	19	9	70	3	15	10	8	0	0	0
Pct. D	98	7	3	65	0	17	8	2	11	14	31
Pct. F	126	10	8	72	3	5	12	3	8	11	8
Pct. G	57	11	0	54	4	31	12	3	5	4	10
Pct. I	77	7	1	66	3	12	13	1	4	10	9
Pct. J	110	9	0	63	4	14	10	2	9	12	6
Pct. K	79	8	9	78	4	23	18	6	8	14	9
Pct. L	87	6	1	63	3	8	9	6	3	14	16
Pct. M	89	11	1	69	6	13	14	8	14	6	7
Pct. N	112	11	8	89	7	26	4	10	15	11	6
Pct. O	87	8	4	61	4	30	11	3	31	19	2
Totals	1168	125	42	904	55	212	143	128	124	130	87

Ward 18.

	WITT			DAVIS			NORTON			SALEN		
	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other
Pct. B	78	13	2	87	39	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pct. J	90	12	2	68	5	24	16	17	11	22	12
Pct. K	119	14	2	119	7	36	32	17	23	23	15
Pct. O	70	5	4	42	8	36	26	6	7	9	19
Totals	257	44	10	316	59	66	74	40	41	54	46

Ward 19.

	WITT			DAVIS			NORTON			SALEN		
	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other
Pct. A	89	20	1	89	11	43	35	27	30	41	21
Pct. B	78	9	4	71	5	32	31	12	20	3	12
Pct. C	30	2	0	76	4	7	5	9	6	7	6
Pct. D	94	6	3	70	3	23	10	3	8	7	6
Pct. E	51	3	2	138	4	19	23	3	11	1	3
Pct. F	44	3	4	65	8	29	25	12	16	22	18
Pct. I	78	15	5	85	7	74	53	16	17	33	21
Pct. J	52	11	1	55	16	52	34	16	12	17	20
Pct. K	56	9	4	104	7	45	21	10	13	27	12
Pct. L	84	6	3	104	0	66	40	8	12	17	18
Pct. M	75	10	3	73	7	77	4	0	14	19	13
Pct. N	54	7	4	112	4	45	30	15	24	27	16
Totals	725	101	94	1052	70	512	311	131	183	199	166

Ward 20.

	WITT			DAVIS			NORTON			SALEN		
	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other
Pct. A	50	10	2	77	5	42	22	6	2	3	18
Pct. E	68	13	2	70	5	39	29	12	15	21	20
Pct. H	74	5	0	54	4	32	28	7	8	13	10
Pct. K	63	12	2	76	8	42	37	8	10	26	28
Pct. N	46	7	2	62	7	29	30	15	11	20	18
Totals	301	47	8	339	29	194	146	48	46	77	84

Ward 21.

	WITT			DAVIS			NORTON			SALEN		
	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other
Pct. A	139	12	0	56	6	27	14	7	9	10	8
Pct. B	101	4	5	55	5	32	21	4	6	13	13
Pct. D	121	7	2	61	3	29	16	5	7	6	7
Pct. E	119	7	4	80	2	35	17	9	8	18	6
Pct. F	121	5	3	71	2	15	20	7	9	24	12
Pct. G	90	11	4	43	3	22	12	6	13	14	5
Pct. H	80	4	2	52	4	14	13	5	9	16	9
Pct. I	78	4	4	66	2	30	17	5	5	17	10
Pct. K	77	1	0	78	9	43	25	8	9	27	15
Pct. L	113	5	1	69	3	36	20	8	7	21	5
Pct. M	102	10	3	76	7	50	35	11	13	18	19
Pct. O	124	9	2	58	3	56	20	10	15	29	10
Pct. Q	135	11	5	64	8	36	21	6	22	21	14
Totals	1400	90	35	829	59	425	251	90	132	228	139

Ward 22.

	WITT			DAVIS			NORTON			SALEN		
	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other	1st	2d	Other
Pct. A	105	9	1	80	4	20	29	4	11	11	7
Pct. B	85	8	2	52	7	16	5	4	7	10	8
Pct. C	113	11	8	103	6	30	35	16	19	26	11
Pct. D	70	16	6	50	9	31	12	8	17	12	14
Pct. E	123	11	3	75	3	15	12	9	7	18	8
Pct. F	89	8	4	114	7	34	26	8	17	18	10
Pct. G	51	7	0	58	3	28	18	5	7	15	1
Pct. H	88	10	6	77	8	47	32	13	0	0	0
Pct. I	102	9	4	34	13	28	28	13	15	25	9
Pct. J	77	10	5	77	6	3	20	10	13	23	8
Pct. K	59	6	3	78	4	36	17	5	14	19	8
Pct. L	50	5	3	59

GROWDS AND NOISE FILL CITY STREETS IN ELECTION FEVER

Nov 3/15

LEADER

Noise! Descriptive adjectives are pitiably inadequate. Noise! Pandemoniun! That was downtown Cleveland last night, steeping itself in the hilarity of a completed election.

Seemingly the city's entire population got out in the open air and exercised its lungs, for the streets were choked from curb to curb as a multitude waited to hear the fate of candidates.

Blaring horns—enough of them to equip an army of Gabriels—raised a continuous and riotous echo from the early part of last evening until after midnight. The crowd trumpeted happily, pausing here and there wherever a wisp of election information was flashed on a screen.

Patient policemen, and perspiring ones—even in the chill wind of the night—wrestled to keep the throngs moving, earning their wages thrice over, blind and deaf to the things that ordinarily would have populated prison cells.

Partisanship sank and was trampled under several hundred thousand feet, for there was happiness and relief—no matter who was elected—after a tumultuous campaign of bickering, battle and billingsgate.

Cheer and Console in Cafes.

Theaters were filled to the galleries, clubs were thronged and celebrants or sorrowing ones stood three and four deep at bars and jammed grillrooms. Yet the streets remained whirlpools of swirling humanity.

Men, women and children paraded, blowing furious blasts on gayly colored horns, thrusting feathered ticklers in the faces of passersby and assaulting eardrums with clanging cowbells and clanging dishpans. Above the tumult was a chorus of shrill automobile horns that honked with an impunity known only on election night.

Superior ave., from the Publi Square to E. 9th st., and that thor oughfare from Superior ave. to Eu clid ave., and Euclid ave. from th Square to E. 12th st., formed th promenades of the multitude. No one seemed to be going anywhere in particular. Each was out to "see the sight," and each helped make the spectacle.

There was a feverish eagerness t know the city's fate, as its elector had molded it during the twelv tense hours of balloting. Election extras were seized from howling newsboys who strove to make themselves heard above the din.

More anxious ones swept down upon the rooms of the board of elections in city hall, only to find the crowd barred while the counting proceeded. So they descended upon the headquarters of the rival mayoralty candidates and upon those of the wets and drys.

Candidates Retreat From Crowd.

They hung eagerly upon the announcements made in Democratic headquarters in the Engineers building. And they sought curiously for Peter Witt to see if he was cracking under the strain. But Witt was blocks away, watchfully waiting in the center of a crowd of lieutenants in his office in the Leader-News building.

The crowds came and went in Harry L. Davis' headquarters in the Schofield building, but there, too, the candidate was missing; for he was awaiting the result at home. And the same was true at Charles P. Salen's headquarters, 324 West Superior ave. The rooms were jammed, but Salen, too, was at home, nursing a heavy cold and an overpowering optimism.

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crowds into the streets, and the movie houses disgorged frequently, the population of Cleveland just kept on moving, fighting its way in the noisy, pulsating streets. A few exuberant ones formed processions with horns and tinpan drums and ruthlessly forced the crowds from their paths.

Several hundred thousand dollars changed hands at some time during the night, after betters had occupied the seat of anxiety during many uncertain hours in the headquarters of numerous betting commissioners.

After an exceedingly dry day while the polls were open and refreshment places were closed, the latter did a land office business during a riotous evening. Innumerable toasts were offered as frequent couriers arrived with this or that election precinct return showing the defeat of the prohibition amendment. And when announcements came of its victory in this or that election precinct, the toasts were of another character. For, at least, if Ohio was going to go dry, there was a determination to make it gloriously wet while the opportunity remained.

Unruly youths in the election crowds on the streets kept the police busy last night, and many were sent to police headquarters, but no charges were booked against them.

Police also confiscated many "ticklers" with which the girls and young men were annoying others on the streets. There was no official interference, however, with noise-making instruments, celebrators being permitted to make as much noise as they pleased.

Over-enthusiastic celebrators set fire to a large tree on Fleet ave., causing persons in the neighborhood to summon firemen, fearing the blaze would endanger adjacent dwellings. There was no loss.

FIGURES DISCLOSE DEMOCRATIC SWAY

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Carry City Four Times in Last Decade—Majorities Shrink.

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choice votes he received added to his
first choice votes he had 3,258 more
than half the total of first choice
votes, which under the charter elected
him.

The vote for mayor in 1913 was:

Candidates.	First choice.	Second choice.	Other choices.
Newton D. Baker, Democrat	41,286	3,547	1,553
Harry L. Davis, Republican	36,126	3,926	1,805
Joseph E. Robb, Socialist	5,787	9,270	2,596

QUIETEST BALLOTING ENDS HOTTEST RACE

Nov 3/15

Seventy Per Cent of Vote Cast in Early Hours, Election Officials Estimate—One Alleged Fraud Marks Day.

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CROWDS AND NOISE FILL CITY STREETS IN ELECTION FEVER

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Noise! Descriptive adjectives are pitiably inadequate. Noise! Pandemonium! That was downtown Cleveland last night, steeping itself in the hilarity of a completed election.

Seemingly the city's entire population got out in the open air and exercised its lungs, for the streets were choked from curb to curb as a multitude waited to hear the fate of candidates.

Blaring horns—enough of them to equip an army of Gabriels—raised a continuous and riotous echo from the early part of last evening until after midnight. The crowd trumpeted happily, pausing here and there wherever a wisp of election information was flashed on a screen.

Patient policemen, and perspiring ones—even in the chill wind of the night—wrestled to keep the throngs moving, earning their wages thrice over, blind and deaf to the things that ordinarily would have populated prison cells.

Partisanship sank and was trampled under several hundred thousand feet, for there was happiness and relief—no matter who was elected—after a tumultuous campaign of bickering, battle and billingsgate.

Cheer and Console in Cafes.

Theaters were filled to the galleries, clubs were thronged and celebrants or sorrowing ones stood three and four deep at bars and jammed grillrooms. Yet the streets remained whirlpools of swirling humanity.

Men, women and children paraded, blowing furious blasts on gayly colored horns, thrusting feathered ticklers in the faces of passersby and assaulting eardrums with clanging cowbells and clanging dishpans. Above the tumult was a chorus of shrill automobile horns that honked with an impunity known only on election night.

Superior ave., from the Publi Square to E. 9th st., and that thor oughfare from Superior ave. to Eu clid ave., and Euclid ave. from th Square to E. 12th st., formed th promenades of the multitude. No one seemed to be going anywhere in particular. Each was out to "see the sight," and each helped make the spectacle.

There was a feverish eagerness to know the city's fate, as its electors had molded it during the twelve tense hours of balloting. Election extras were seized from howling newsboys who strove to make themselves heard above the din.

More anxious ones swept down upon the rooms of the board of elections in city hall, only to find the crowd barred while the counting proceeded. So they descended upon the headquarters of the rival mayoralty candidates and upon those of the wets and drys.

Candidates Retreat From Crowd.

They hung eagerly upon the announcements made in Democratic headquarters in the Engineers building. And they sought curiously for Peter Witt to see if he was cracking under the strain. But Witt was blocks away, watchfully waiting in the center of a crowd of lieutenants in his office in the Leader-News building.

The crowds came and went in Harry L. Davis' headquarters in the Schofield building, but there, too, the candidate was missing; for he was awaiting the result at home. And the same was true at Charles P. Salen's headquarters, 324 West Superior ave. The rooms were jammed, but Salen, too, was at home, nursing a heavy cold and an overpowering optimism.

A small but tens[e] group of watch[ers] ...ied the office of Miner G. Norton in the Society for Savings building. They tabulated the returns flashed by phones and gazed at the smiles and frowns that chased themselves across the face of Norton, seated there listening for the call of the people.

The drama, vaudeville and burlesque, on the boards of the city's theaters were forced to divide the interest of audiences with the returns as they were announced between acts and scenes. The Cleveland Athletic Club, the Western Reserve Club in E. 55th st., the South End Chamber of Industry on outer Broadway and other clubs held their quota of people as returns were given.

And when theaters poured their crowds into the streets, and the movie houses disgorged frequently, the population of Cleveland just kept on moving, fighting its way in the noisy, pulsating streets. A few exuberant ones formed processions with horns and tinpan drums and ruthlessly forced the crowds from their paths.

Several hundred thousand dollars changed hands at some time during the night, after betters had occupied the seat of anxiety during many uncertain hours in the headquarters of numerous betting commissioners.

After an exceedingly dry day while the polls were open and refreshment places were closed, the latter did a land office business during a riotous evening. Innumerable toasts were offered as frequent couriers arrived with this or that election precinct return showing the defeat of the prohibition amendment. And when announcements came of its victory in this or that election precinct, the toasts were of another character. For, at least, if Ohio was going to go dry, there was a determination to make it gloriously wet while the opportunity remained.

Unruly youths in the election crowds on the streets kept the police busy last night, and many were sent to police headquarters, but no charges were booked against them.

Police also confiscated many "ticklers" with which the girls and young men were annoying others on the streets. There was no official interference, however, with noise-making instruments, celebrators being permitted to make as much noise as they pleased.

Over-enthusiastic celebrators set fire to a large tree on Fleet ave., causing persons in the neighborhood to summon firemen, fearing the blaze would endanger adjacent dwellings. There was no loss.

FIGURES DISCLOSE DEMOCRATIC SWAY

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Carry City Four Times in Last Decade—Majorities Shrink.

LEADER

In the municipal elections of the past decade Cleveland has elected Democratic candidates for mayor four out of five times. The only break in the run of Democratic victories was in 1909, when Herman C. Baehr defeated Tom L. Johnson. The pluralities in these elections were:

1905—Tom L. Johnson, Democrat		12,125
1907—Tom L. Johnson, Democrat		9,326
1909—Herman C. Baehr, Republican		3,694
1911—Newton D. Baker, Democrat		17,328
1913—Newton D. Baker, Democrat		5,160

In the 1913 election, the first held under the preferential voting system, the Baker plurality mentioned was on first choice votes. Under the city charter this did not elect him as he failed to receive 41,575 of the majority of the 83,149 votes cast for all candidates for mayor. With the second choice votes he received added to his first choice votes he had 3,258 more than half the total of first choice votes, which under the charter elected him.

The vote for mayor in 1913 was:

Candidates.	First choice.	Second choice.	Other choices.
Newton D. Baker, Democrat	41,286	3,547	1,553
Harry L. Davis, Republican	36,126	3,926	1,805
Joseph E. Robb, Socialist	5,787	9,270	2,596

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The headquarters of the mayoralty candidates and the wets and the drys were busy receiving complaints and answering questions and instructing workers. Complaints of unusual activity in behalf of any one candidate or issue were immediately answered by the opposing candidates or leaders with more workers.

City Hall Almost Deserted.

City and county employees were among the workers at the booths most active for Witt. The city hall was practically deserted all day. Only Mayor Baker and a few other officials were at their desks. Baker seemed little perturbed over the election, spending the day in his office writing letters and receiving a few callers.

As usual the downtown wards polled the heaviest vote during the early part of the day. Electors of the East End were also at the voting booths fairly early. The West and South Side voters were slower, not more than 60 per cent of their vote being polled by noon.

The early morning vote was mostly cast by the "men in overalls," many of the election officials finding lines of voters at the door when they opened the booths. As many factories gave their employees a half holiday, in accordance with the law, the workingmen's vote in the afternoon was also quite heavy. All banks and many downtown offices closed in the afternoon.

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Davis Thanks Supporters, Hopes to Be Good Mayor

CAMPAIGN managers telephoned to Davis' home last night when his election seemed certain, and urged him to come downtown. He was reluctant to do so at first, but finally consented.

Davis drove downtown in his own machine, accompanied by his wife and several friends. He was recognized and cheered all along the line. More than 100 men were waiting in his offices to greet him. Later he went to the Cleveland Athletic club where an informal reception was held for him.

Davis made the following statement for The Leader:

"I am gratified by the result of this election. It shows a great victory for the people, and is proof of their belief in economic civic government.

"With the backing of all my friends, and with no corporation or large interests behind me, it is a signal victory. I want to express my thanks to those who so loyally came to my support. I hope to show in my administration of Cleveland's municipal government how deeply I appreciate this great honor."

Harry L. Davis, Mayor

HARRY L. DAVIS is to be congratulated upon his remarkable victory. And the city is to be congratulated also upon the outcome of the unusual and perplexing conditions which the voters were compelled to face at the polls.

The opposition to the Baker regime was so badly split and into so many parts that until the last hours of the campaign it seemed that nothing could prevent the election of Peter Witt, the candidate of the powerful and strongly entrenched city hall machine. Any hope that the Republicans would again become united was obviously futile from the first. Yet the determination of Cleveland to rid itself of the sort of municipal government it has had, with but one brief interim, for fourteen years, proved strong enough to overcome all obstacles. And Harry L. Davis is the man it has selected to put its purpose into effect.

It is something for Mr. Davis and his friends to be proud of. And The News has no doubt that he will fulfill as well as circumstances permit the demand of the people of Cleveland for that better city government which was made plain as the real issue of the campaign.

COUNCIL WILL NOT HAMSTRING DAVIS

Democratic Majority Will Not Fight Appointments, Members Indicate.

City to Borrow $500,000 More on Short Time Notes, is Plan.

PLAIN DEALER

Re-elected Democratic members of the city council will not oppose appointments of Mayor Harry L. Davis, an informal discussion of future policies at city hall indicated yesterday. The councilmen took the stand that the man appointed traction commissioner should receive the indorsement of council, without opposition.

Another matter up for discussion yesterday was the appropriation ordinance for the coming year. The ordinance will be introduced at the meeting Nov. 18, and will be referred to committees, but the present council cannot pass the measure. Members favor cutting appropriations to the actual income. If departments are maintained on their present basis an additional $500,000 must be borrowed on short term certificates of indebtedness. This will increase the city's operating debt to $2,000,000.

"I am in favor of economy," said Chairman A. J. Damm of the council committee on finance. "I am in favor of a cut in the appropriations."

It is believed that the big cuts will be made in the welfare department. There also will be cuts in the recreation division. Many members of council long have opposed an allowance for the municipal orchestra.

ASSESSORS ASKED TO REVIEW VALUES

Newly Elected County Men to Look Over Land Unit Book of Auditor.

Latest Scheme Will Readily Settle Worth of Properties.

The new assessors of the county elected Tuesday are to be called in Dec. 1 and asked to criticise tentative land and building values which are being arranged in book form by County Auditor John A. Zangerle.

Besides a list of instructions to assessors the book will contain tentative units of value on all Cleveland streets and every other county, city and village as well as in the farming communities. Another feature will be photos of standard types of buildings with their values.

In writing the book Mr. Zangerle has used information obtained from fifteen real estate and building experts.

Armed with the book an assessor or property owner will be able to decide without much difficulty the value of any parcel of land or building in the county. Many of the values arrived at by the former deputy state tax commissioners, William Agnew and John D. Fackler, have been accepted by Mr. Zangerle with a few modifications.

Unofficial returns compiled yesterday by the board of elections show the following were elected assessors in Cleveland under the provisions of the new Parrett-Whittemore taxation law:

WARD 1—John R. Olderman, real estate dealer, 8324 Lorain-av.
WARD 2—William H. Brady, builder, 3409 W. 98th-st.
WARD 3—W. D. Gray, purchasing agent, 7427 Goodwalt-av N. W.
WARD 4—Julius Bergholz, salesman, 2017 W. 50th-st.
WARD 5—Louis Zepp, grocer, 3218 Vega-av S. W.
WARD 6—Miles E. Evans, attorney, 3608 Denison-av S. W.
WARD 7—Joseph C. Martin, carpenter, 2487 W. 14th-st.
WARD 8—John J. Kilbane, salesman, 1567 Dexter-place N. W.
WARD 9—Frank White, 1100 Huron-rd S. E.
WARD 10—Robert R. Smith, lather, 1816 E. 32d-st.
WARD 11—Charles F. Weaver, plasterer, 3038 Central-av S. E.
WARD 12—Morris Frankel, liquor dealer, 2649 E. 48th-st.
WARD 13—John J. Bužek, saloonkeeper, 4977 Broadway S. E.
WARD 14—Thomas Cerny, architect, 3905 E. 55th-st.
WARD 15—Ray J. Sisk, clerk, 4240 E. 98th-st.
WARD 16—Robert J. Capper, carpenter, 9902 Anderson-av S. E.
WARD 17—Harry J. Elfring, clerk, 6412 Florence-ct.
WARD 18—George E. Skinkle, solicitor, 7309 Central-av S. E.
WARD 19—Griffith V. Ashdown, 2293 E. 100th-st.
WARD 20—Calvin J. Hinds, real estate dealer, 1775 E. 89th-st.
WARD 21—Edward Boyle, clerk, 1370 E. 92d-st.
WARD 22—Jacob A. Miller, foreman, 6711 Linwood-av N. E.
WARD 23—Henry L. Schaefer, insurance agent, 1160 E. 71st-st.
WARD 24—James M. Gee, real estate dealer, 10626 Garfield-av N. E.
WARD 25—Allen S. Keeler, 10826 Grantwood-av N. E.
WARD 26—Charles E. Davis, traffic manager, 532 E. 114th-st.

DAVIS' VETO IS SURE CHECK ON HOSTILE COUNCIL

Democrats Lack Two-Thirds Necessary to Override the Mayor in Legislation.

If majority Democratic councilmen get to bucking and blocking legislation sought by Mayor Davis and railroading their own through all Davis will have to do is to turn to Section 40 of the new charter and sit tight. For then, Councilman Bernstein, Republican, pointed out Friday, it will be a horse apiece.

Section 40 has to do with the mayor's veto.

In case legislation displeases him he can veto it or return it after ten days minus his signature. Once either of these processes is used, it will take a two-thirds vote of council to overrule the silent or marked veto. And while Democrats have fourteen councilmen and sixteen at the utmost—it will take eighteen votes to override Davis.

"The veto power offsets the Democratic majority nicely," Bernstein said Friday. "We're not looking for trouble, but if any rocks come Davis' way he can veto Democratic legislation and the minority Republicans are strong enough to back him up."

Council President Thompson, however, at a caucus of the fourteen Democrats late Thursday, gave external evidence that Democrats are not looking for a fight. They also came out for enlargement of municipal activities. But this Davis will be able to block, if he chooses, by his first-line trench, his veto, and his second line trench, Republicans in council.

While City Clerk Collins and Thompson will continue to hold down their jobs the possibility of selecting a floor leader to succeed Councilman Reynolds was being discussed Friday. Councilman McGinty has been suggested.

With Thompson selecting committees and committee chairmen it is certain Democrats will again rule. Koch, defeated chairman of the street railway committee, may be succeeded by Reynolds. Damm will again head the finance committee and Rolf the appropriations body.

JOHN G. OWENS ENDORSED FOR DAVIS' CABINET

Building Trades Council O. K.'s Union Business Agent for Job Harry Promised to Labor.

LEADER

Members of the Cleveland Building Trades Council last night unanimously endorsed John G. Owens, business agent of the Hoisting Engineers' Union, for appointment in the cabinet of Mayor-elect Harry L. Davis.

Davis, during his campaign, promised that if elected he would appoint a representative of Cleveland labor unions to his cabinet. He made this assertion when he addressed business agents of the Building Trades Council at a luncheon at Weber's October 19. The office would go to one of the men present at that time, Davis said, according to Frank Smith, president of the body.

Owens was at the luncheon, but until last night had not been publicly mentioned as a possible appointee in the new administration. J. Wayne Hart, business agent of the Electrical Workers' Unfon and president of the Cleveland Federation of Labor, has been prominently mentioned for the appointment. He also was present when the promise was made by Davis.

Hart's name was not mentioned last night, however, when the resolution endorsing Owens was voted on. Hart is on a western trip.

The action of the council will be called to the attention of Davis when he returns from the east, where he is on a vacation with his wife.

Balcony's Ready for Inauguration of Davis

New City Hall Provides Stage, but Cold May be Bar

If Cleveland were situated in the tropics or if new mayors of Cleveland did not take office Jan 1, when the mercury usually is hovering around zero, a policy of taking the oath of office on a picturesque balcony, while thousands in the street below applauded, could be inaugurated by Cleveland's next mayor. The new $3,000,000 city hall has a balcony over the main entrance overlooking the northerly end of E. 6th-st.

There is a strong probability the new structure will be ready for inauguration ceremonies the first of the year, but it is considered unlikely city departments can be moved early in December, as was planned by Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo.

Director Sidlo had planned to have the new city hall opened Dec. 8, Mayor Newton D. Baker's birthday anniver-



HARRY L DAVIS

DAVIS FACES TASK IN OPERATING COST

Incoming Mayor Will Have to Solve Problems Involving Millions.

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PLAIN DEALER

Filtration Plant, City Hall and Additional Salaries Call for Cash.

Mayor elect Harry L. Davis not only must face the problem of cutting nearly $500,000 from the city operating expense to prevent a half million addition to the city's operating deficit, which already is $1,500,000, but he also must raise funds to meet the following burdens:

$127,000—operating cost of the new filtration plant to be opened in December.

$15,000—increased operating cost of the new city hall to be opened next month or in January.

$250,000—to care for a 50 cent a day increase in the pay of city laborers.

$17,000—to care for the pay of additional municipal court judges and prosecutors.

In addition it was said yesterday at the city hall that contract work would be higher next year because of the approval of the charter amendment requiring contractors to pay a minimun wage of $2.50 a day to their employes.

Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo explained yesterday that the opening of the new city hall would mean an operating cost of $80,000. The cost of the present city hall is about $35,000. The city no longer will be required to pay a rental of $20,000 a year for municipal court quarters, as the civil courts will be on the top floor of the new structure. The net increase in cost therefore will be $15,000.

Water Commissioner C. F. Schulz is hopeful operation of the new filtration plant will not necessitate an advance in water rates. The cost will amount to $350 a day.

Finance Director Thomas Coughlin is sending out notices to city department heads requesting that estimates for the 1916 budget be completed as soon as possible. The mayor will file the budget with the council Nov. 15. Department heads are urged by the director to make a list of actual department needs for the coming year.

Democratic councilmen say they favor the program of economy advocated by Mayor-elect Davis and will cut the budget to the actual amount of the city's income. The operating cost is nearly $500,000 more than the city's income from taxation.

DAVIS TO SHAKE PLUM TREE SOON

To Confer With Backers at French Lick Springs.

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Mayor-elect Harry Davis is to go to French Lick Springs, Ind., Tuesday or Wednesday of next week, to decide upon his city hall appointments.

Maurice Maschke, republican county chief, and Davis' chief adviser, is to go to French Lick Monday night, accompanied by John Orgill, election board president and Davis man.

George B. Harris, county chairman, is also expected to sit in on the French Lick pow-wow, together with other g. o. p. chiefs.

Judge Fielder Sanders and attorney Pierre White went to New York Friday night to talk to Davis, who's resting there with Nate Cook, his personal friend.

Sanders made it clear Friday that he wants the law directorship, and that he wants White to be appointed to fill his place on the muny court bench. White is willing.

Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Cook are to go to New York Sunday night to join their husbands; Mrs. Davis said Saturday. Mrs. Davis has been at home, 4177 E. 95th-st, since the election.

Mr. Voter, Get Acquainted With Your New Co

IN Cleveland's new council are six attorneys, an electrical manager, barber, grocer, two cigar manufacturers, a printing foreman, a dock foreman, a plumbing contractor, railroad superintendent, hardware merchant, undertaker, painting contractor, insurance agent, dry goods merchant, dry cleaner and real estate dealer. Four of the fifteen re-elected councilmen attend only to council duties.

The make-up of the 1916-1917 council is:

WARD 1—Alva R. Dittrick, age 43, 8700 Lorain-av; finishing third term in council. Is manager of the Jordan Dittrick Electric Co.

WARD 2—Charles V. Dickerson, age 37, married, lives in the rear of his barber shop, 5834 Storer-av S. W. Was beaten for the nomination by sixty-seven votes four years ago. Belongs to lodges and unions.

WARD 3—Sam Michell, 38, lives over his grocery, 7907 Madison-av N. W., with his wife and son. Born and reared in Cleveland. Third ward assessor 1910 and 1911.

WARD 4—Frank J. Faulhaber, 37, 2185 W. 67th-st; sells the output of his cigar factory, in the rear of his home, where he lives with his wife and two young girls. Born in Cleveland and formerly was a railroad employe.

WARD 5—John P. Becker, age 44, 3308 Fulton-rd S. W., foreman of printing company. First entrance in politics. Reared and educated in Cleveland.

WARD 6—Clayton C. Townes, age 28, 3800 W. 33d-st, elected to second term. Attorney with Townes, Portmann & King.

WARD 7—Jerry R. Zmunt, age 44, 2172 W. 14th-st, born and reared in Cleveland, educated in public schools and at college. Practicing attorney. Never in politics before.

WARD 8—W. J. Horrigan, age 46, 1793 W. 45th-st, dock foreman. Elected to third term in council. Educated in public schools.

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The personnel of the new council will be as follows:

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2—Charles V. Dickerson, R.
3—Sam B. Michell, R.
4—Frank J. Faulhaber, D.
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The complete vote for mayor in Philadelphia was as follows: Thomas B. Smith, Republican, 159,658; George D. Porter, Independent, 81,851; B Gordon Bromley, Democrat, 5,308.

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erty. Write for farm catalog (free) describing 200 good trading propositions. Geo. N. Smith & Son. (Est. 1902) Box N Warren, O.

OVER 6 acres, mostly woods, fine park, club or picnic grounds, fine springs, cool water. 5c suburban fare, $2,500 cash or easy payments. E. E. Hathaway, 413 Citizens bldg. Main 557.

BARGAIN, 140-a. farm, 24 miles to square, splendid bldgs., on car line; cheap if sold at once; consider good city property. Veres Bros. & Cerokv, 10302 Buckeye rd.



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Saturday Judge Sanders was out in the open in his candidacy for the $7,500 law directorship. And it's certain he'll get it. R. V. Johnson, Davis' secretary through his two campaigns, is almost certain to be his secretary as mayor. Saturday the name of Colonel C. X. Zimerman became more prominently mentioned as the likely Davis appointee as safety director.



TO SEE MAURICE

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But Maschke Makes It Clear Davis is Only Man Who Can Talk Jobs.

Republican tracks led Thursday to 1120 Illuminating building.

All morning a steady stream of ward leaders, old chieftains of the g. o. p. and the "youngsters" of the party, passed in and out of the office door.

"We're going up to see Maurice!" was the word.

For Maurice Maschke sat in an inner office at 1120, smiling his soft and contemplative smile, and in rapid-fire interviews talked it over with "the boys."

Harry Davis, mayor-elect, was in New York Thursday.

"Plums" were in the mind of most of the "boys." But Maschke made it clear, plain and flat that Davis is the only man who's going to talk jobs!

"Mr. Davis is mayor," was the way Maurice put it.

Expects Harmony.

Here's what Maurice had to say about the fact that Davis' election has restored Maschke to power as republican county leader:

"I believe that the election of Mr. Davis means ultimate harmony in the republican party in this county."



"How many have been in to talk over the election with you?" Maschke was asked.

He threw up his hands to express his answer.

Maschke was mum on the speculation as to who will be in Davis' cabinet.

"I have nothing to do with Mr. Davis' appointments," he put it. "My only interest is that big, capable men get the jobs."

The telephone tinkled.

"Are the city hall telephone girls under civil service?" came a feminine voice over the wire.

"I'll have to refer you to the civil service commission!" answered Maurice.

Quiet-Spoken, Genial.

Maschke is a quiet-spoken, genial man of forty-six. He's getting quite bald. His voice has a peculiar ring that's remembered. His eyes are blue, and he's rated the smoothest-moving politician in these parts.

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The open season.

MAYOR-ELECT IS IN NEW YORK; HE'S TO HIDE 2 WEEKS

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As another lesson from the election he called attention to the overwhelming defeat of the reform party in Philadelphia, six months after Billy Sunday had "revived" the city. He declared this to be convincing proof against the efficacy of the Billy Sunday method of evangelism.

Denounces Double Standard.

Rev. Edward H. Roberts, pastor of the Detroit Avenue Methodist church, blamed American women for the low standard of morals which prevails in many communities. "Not because you are not better than men, because we all admit that you are, but because you do not exact of men the same standard of purity that men demand of you," he said. "Our social problems can be solved only when society is reorganized on the basis of a white life for two."

Rev. W. F. Rothenburger, pastor of the Franklin Circle Disciple church, in his sermon on "The Bible—How Much of It Must I Accept?" declared that the New Testament only is the authority for Christians and that the Old Testament is merely Jewish history. "The Old Testament is the economy out of which Christianity grew and is in no sense an authority over the Christian church," he said.

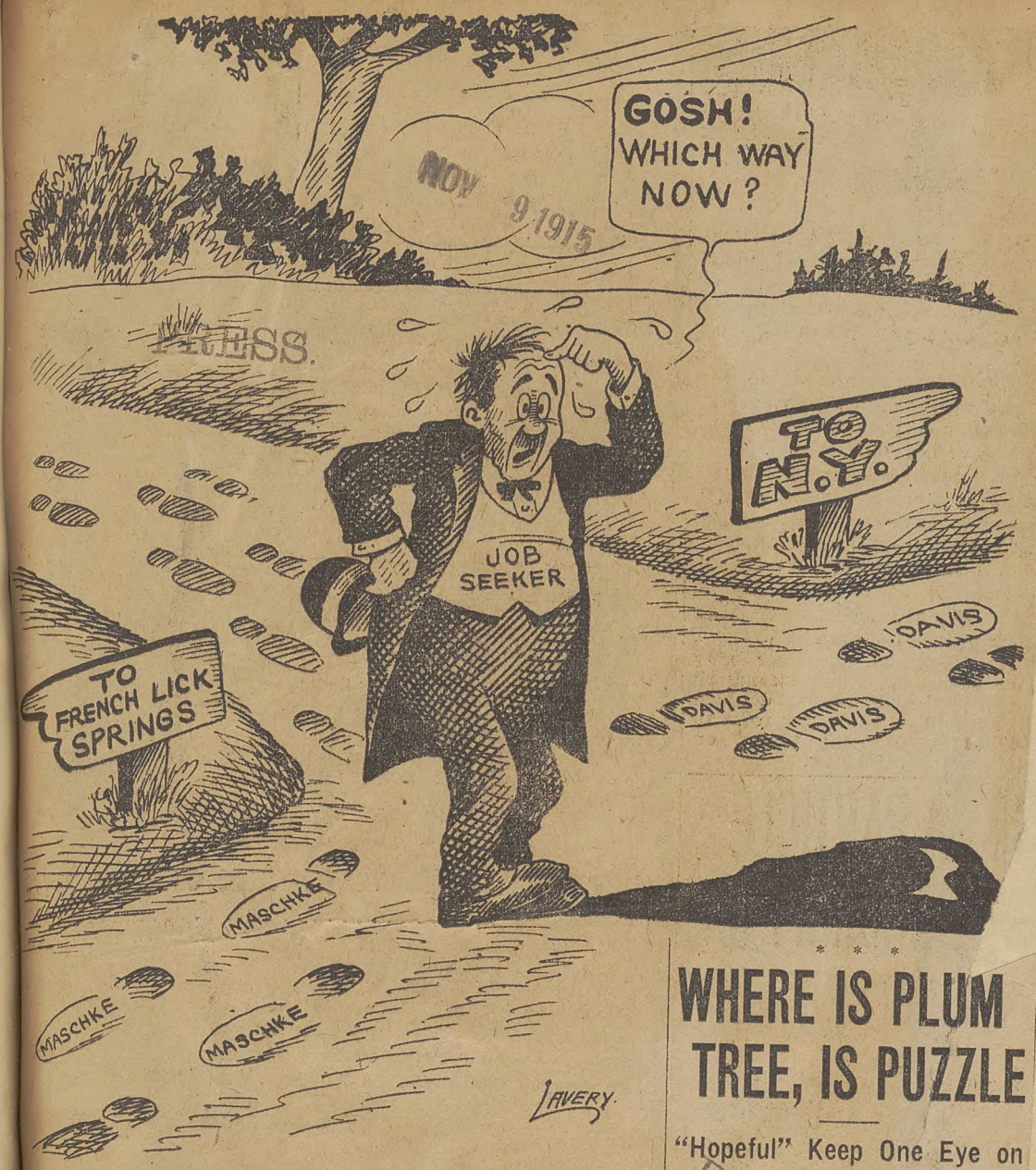
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In his morning sermon he appealed for a genuine Christian catholicity, decried the folly of sectarianism and pointed out the necessity of keeping the mind open to receive the truth. In the evening at the monthly musical service he made an address on "The Vision of Christ."

Friday the congregation will hold a reception for Mr. and Mrs. Lichliter at the church. Rev. Dr. F. W. Luce and Dr. Charles Franklin Thwing will speak.

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"Hopeful" Keep One Eye on French Lick, T'other East.

Plum hunters were puzzled Tuesday as to where to go to seek jobs under the Davis administration.

Harry Davis was on a vacation in New York, making some side trips.

Maurice Maschke, George B. Harris and other republican chiefs were at French Lick Springs, Ind., "just restin'."

"Which camp shall I beat it to?" pondered the "hopeful" ones.

Davis, on a pleasure trip with his wife, Nate Cook and his wife, said he wouldn't tell "who's who" till he returns.

The word has gone 'round that Harry may return to Cleveland without peeking in at the French Lick camp, as earlier was reported to be his plan.

Maschke, Harris, Henry Beckerman of the election board and Councilman Alex Bernstein left Monday night for the Indiana resort.

They said they'd be gone 10 days or two weeks, and were going up to "play golf." Maschke said he didn't think Davis would be there.

DAVIS MEN HEAD FOR FRENCH LICK

Mayor-Elect Expected at Health Resort Thursday to Confer on Cabinet Appointments.

Preparations were made yesterday for the setting of the Cleveland political stage this week at French Lick Springs, Ind. There it is said Mayor-elect Davis will appear some time during the week to confer with some of his chief supporters.

John H. Orgill, president of the board of elections, will leave today for Columbus and tomorrow will go to Indianapolis. From there, he admitted, his destination would be French Lick. It is believed that Davis, who went to New York last week, will reach the Indiana resort about Thursday and, in meeting his lieutenants, will discuss cabinet appointments.

Judge Fielder Sanders and Attorney Pierre White, who went to New York Friday night to join Davis, are expected back today. Another arrival probably will be Peter Witt, defeated mayoralty candidate, who has been solacing himself by fishing at North Bass island.

Clerks of the board of elections worked all day yesterday and well into the night in tabulating the official election figures. It is expected that the official results will be made public on Tuesday.

CIVIL SERVICE MEN FEEL SAFE

Secretary Kline Thinks Davis Won't Oust Those Protected.

City hall officials and many civil service employes Friday were a unit in believing E. A. Kline, secretary of the civil service commission, correctly forecasts what Mayor-elect Davis will do under civil service.

"I do not believe Davis will make a housecleaning of civil service employes," says Kline. "Clerks, stenographers, bookkeepers and under employes may be disturbed in few instances."

Eight commissioners, some under civil service, some not, are certain they will all be ousted, if Davis has to fire the civil service commission to do it. Their salaries range from $7500 to 2100.

They expect Davis to take the attitude that he is entitled to active department heads who "are with him."

If Davis wants to have his own men succeed the civil service incumbents, it will be necessary to abolish present civil service lists and hold new examinations.

Davis may appoint more than 4000 employes without touching civil service.

When Davis is Mayor

THERE'S a right smart of yawping by both sides as to dire doings when Harry Davis becomes mayor.

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And Davis politicians, rosy with the strong wine of victory, are telling how they'll do this and how they'll do that to rope, throw and tie-up the opposition.

But the fact is that no matter what these gentlemen say or think about it now, Harry Davis and the council majority are going to work together. Davis is going to get a square deal.

Davis was elected upon a platform pledging a cut of $400,000 a year in the high cost of city government. If he shows us that this pruning and paring can be done without drawing blood he will be entitled not only to the co-operation of council and every other city official, but to the sympathy and support of all citizens. And if he sets forth in a convincing way to accomplish this end, pity the poor politician who for purely partisan reasons tries to hamper him. He'll be about as popular in this town as a polecat at a picnic.

Harry Davis is entitled to a chance to make good. And the folks are going to see that he gets that chance.

NEW MAYOR TO NAME CABINET EARLY IN WEEK

Davis and Councilors Will Meet at French Lick—Judge Sanders Avowed Candidate for Law Director.

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The personnel of Harry L. Davis' cabinet as well as the selection of many appointees of lesser importance will have been decided upon by the mayor-elect before he returns from his two weeks' vacation. It became known yesterday that a conference between Davis and his principal supporters to take up this matter had been arranged for early next week outside of Cleveland.

One by one the men active in his campaign have been slipping quietly out of town, bound for—oh, a rest and no place in particular. But by tomorrow night the stage will be all set at French Lick Springs, Ind., for a conference of Davis and his supporters, upon the principal appointments and policies of the coming Davis regime.

Will Meet at French Lick.

At this famous health resort, far from the madding crowd of hungry job-hunters and free from the pressure of friends of would-be cabinet members and other office-holders, the men who will guide the destinies of Cleveland's municipal government for the next two years will be chosen.

Davis with Mrs. Davis is still in New York. Nate Cook, one of his campaign leaders, is also with him.

Judge Fielder Sanders, chairman of the Davis campaign committee, and Pierre A. White, one of the mayor-elect's principal campaign speakers, left last night for the metropolis with the admitted intention of "spending a day or two with Harry."

Sanders Announces Self.

Judge Sanders announced yesterday that he was an open candidate for the office of director of law under Davis. He said that he would certainly accept the position if it was offered to him, but was emphatic in his declaration that Davis had made no promise whatever regarding the appointment. White said he was uncertain whether he would accept an appointment if it was offered.

It was learned yesterday that Davis intended to leave New York sometime next week. And his next stop, it was said, will not be Atlantic City or Florida but French Lick Springs.

Coincident with this report came the announcement that George B. Harris and Maurice Maschke, former collector of customs, both rated as the principal backers of Davis' candidacy, and John Orgill, Republican member of the board of elections and a Davis supporter, would leave for the famous Indiana health resort during the next two days.

Maschke announced yesterday that he intended to start upon a vacation today, but refused to tell where he was going. While he declined to say that he would not meet Davis, he said he "didn't expect to."

Johnson to Be Secretary.

Practically all of those interestel in Davis' candidacy yesterday agreed that Judge Sanders had the inside track for the richest plum in the Davis cabinet, that of director of law, which pays $7,500 a year. Russell V. Johnson, secretary to the Davis campaign committee, is also known to be definitely slated for the mayor's secretaryship.

It was stated by those close to the newly-elected mayor that there probably would be many disappointments among several of Davis' friends when the list of appointments was given out. The mayor-elect will name to at least two places in his cabinet, director of finance and director of public utility, men of proven worth, it was said, regardless of whether they supported his candidacy.

Another plan for "making good," which the new mayor expects to put into effect, according to his political aides, is the appointment of a committee of bankers to suggest ways and means for improving the city's financial condition. The most prominent business men of the city are to be asked to serve, it was said.

Will Announce Official Count Soon.

The official count upon the election in Cleveland and the county will be announced by the board of elections either tomorrow or Monday, President John H. Orgill, of the board said yesterday.

Henry Beckerman, board member was in Columbus yesterday seeking to find out how much of the expense of employing expert accountants and tabulators the state would stand. According to the ruling of the attorney general no more than $3.33 a day would be paid extra clerks assisting the board at election time.

The board was unable to employ expert help at this rate of pay and went ahead upon its own initiative and hired experts at from $10 to $15 a day to get out an early unofficial and official count. Fifty extra accountants and clerks were employed for rushing through the unofficial count for the information of the public upon election night.

The cost of hiring the experts was $550, only $150 of which the state would stand. The Leader-News and other newspapers informed the board that they would see to it that the board members themselves were not forced to make up the difference. The board has taken the same action in getting out its official count, but believes the state will be willing to back them up in this matter.

"If we had employed any but expert accountants it would have taken several days to get out an official count and more than a month to tabulate the official vote," said Orgill. "We believed the people wanted service and were willing to pay a little bit more in order to have the result of election as early as possible."

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The course to be pursued by the mayor-elect in this regard as well as in other particulars, will be determined when the new executive and his advisers confer after the return of Mr. Davis from his two-week rest. Mr. Davis was in New York yesterday with Mrs. Davis and Nate E. Cook.

Mr. Maschke merely laughed when asked whether he would hold office under the next administration.

Developments yesterday indicated appointment of Russell V. Johnson, secretary of the Republican county executive committee, as secretary to the new mayor. This seemed almost as good as settled. It has been a foregone conclusion that Mr. Johnson would "go with Harry," and word yesterday was that he would be the place of confidential associations with his chief.

W. S. FitzGerald, minority leader in council, is definitely in line for appointment of street railway commissioner if he wants it. That was regarded as certain yesterday when talk of appointments by Mr. Davis began to have the ring of probability.

E. W. Davis, of Davis & Farley, was eliminated from consideration when it was learned he would not leave his business. He would have been among the first to be discussed by Mayor-elect Davis and his leaders, and would have been regarded as an excellent appointment.

Doubt was expressed generally yesterday also as to whether George B. Harris, chairman of the Republican county central committee, had any wish to land a place with the administration.

Judge Fielder Sanders was most persistently mentioned as the probable director of law. Lamar T. Beman, high school instructor, is headed straight for Director of Welfare H. R. Cooley's place, and will get it, according to present indications.

A. B. Sprosty, member of the Republican executive committee, tentatively was listed yesterday as the next director of public safety. Mr. Davis is understood to have very definite intentions of placing Mr. Sprosty, partly in view of the Davis plurality rolled up in Ward 13.

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One by one the men active in his campaign have been slipping quietly out of town, bound for—oh, a rest and no place in particular. But by tomorrow night the stage will be all set at French Lick Springs, Ind., for a conference of Davis and his supporters, upon the principal appointments and policies of the coming Davis regime.

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Davis with Mrs. Davis is still in New York. Nate Cook, one of his campaign leaders, is also with him.

Judge Fielder Sanders, chairman of the Davis campaign committee, and Pierre A. White, one of the mayor-elect's principal campaign speakers, left last night for the metropolis with the admitted intention of "spending a day or two with Harry."

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It was learned yesterday that Davis intended to leave New York sometime next week. And his next stop, it was said, will not be Atlantic City or Florida but French Lick Springs.

Coincident with this report came the announcement that George B. Harris and Maurice Maschke, former collector of customs, both rated as the principal backers of Davis' candidacy, and John Orgill, Republican member of the board of elections and a Davis supporter, would leave for the famous Indiana health resort during the next two days.

Maschke announced yesterday that he intended to start upon a vacation today, but refused to tell where he was going. While he declined to say that he would not meet Davis, he said he "didn't expect to."

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Practically all of those interestel in Davis' candidacy yesterday agreed that Judge Sanders had the inside track for the richest plum in the Davis cabinet, that of director of law, which pays $7,500 a year. Russell V. Johnson, secretary to the Davis campaign committee, is also known to be definitely slated for the mayor's secretaryship.

It was stated by those close to the newly-elected mayor that there probably would be many disappointments among several of Davis' friends when the list of appointments was given out. The mayor-elect will name to at least two places in his cabinet, director of finance and director of public utility, men of proven worth, it was said, regardless of whether they supported his candidacy.

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Will Announce Official Count Soon.

The official count upon the election in Cleveland and the county will be announced by the board of elections either tomorrow or Monday, President John H. Orgill, of the board said yesterday.

Henry Beckerman, board member was in Columbus yesterday seeking to find out how much of the expense of employing expert accountants and tabulators the state would stand. According to the ruling of the attorney general no more than $3.33 a day would be paid extra clerks assisting the board at election time.

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Doubt was expressed generally yesterday also as to whether George B. Harris, chairman of the Republican county central committee, had any wish to land a place with the administration.

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BOND ISSUES.

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$1,000,000 for schools.....	56,333	33,161
Carried by 23,192.		
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Lost by 4,063.		
*$300,000 Carnegie av. extension.	41,307	40,298
Lost by 13,097.		
$1,600,000 for grade crossing elimination	57,618	24,393
Carried by 3,225.		
*$1,500,000 to meet deficiencies...	39,010	43,943
Lost by 10,759.		

*Two-thirds vote needed to approve these bonds.

ADDITIONAL TAX LEVIES.

Purpose:	For.	Against.
For interest on sewage disposal plant bonds	49,041	36,865
Majority for, 15,176.		
For school board purposes.....	52,076	34,311
Majority for, 17,765.		

REFERRED ORDINANCES.

	For.	Against.
C. & Y. freight terminal grant.	62,875	23,644
Majority for, 39,231.		
Barber subway grant.....	63,714	20,019
Majority for, 43,695.		
Union depot contract.....	68,356	17,080
Majority for, 51,276.		
To purchase street railway.....	35,391	46,603
Majority against, 11,212.		

CHARTER AMENDMENTS.

	For.	Against.
Minimum wage on contracts....	61,041	19,545
Majority for, 41,496.		
Council representation for annexed territory	59,273	19,854
Majority for, 39,419.		

REFERRED LEGISLATIVE ACTS.

Sprague Redistricting Bill.

	For.	Against.	Majority against.
In Cleveland	20,858	33,236	7,378
In Cuyahoga county..	36,426	43,943	7,517

McDermott License Bill.

	For.	Against.	Majority against.
In Cleveland	29,159	40,342	10,183
In Cuyahoga county..	34,049	47,218	13,169

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

State Prohobition.

	For.	Against.	Majority against.
In Cleveland	31,180	68,826	37,646
In Cuyahoga county..	39,752	77,305	37,553

County Officers' Four-Year Terms.

	For.	Against.	Majority against.
In Cleveland	20,042	57,089	37,047
In Cuyahoga county..	23,771	67,407	43,636

Tax Exemption Bonds.

	For.	Against.	Maj. for
In Cleveland	42,378	29,074	13,304
In Cuyahoga county..	50,730	33,782	16,948

To Limit I. and R.

	For.	Against.	Maj. for
In Cleveland	45,516	41,691	3,825
In Cuyahoga county..	52,079	49,945	2,134

The school bond issue, however, which required only a majority vote, carried. Authority was given both the city and school authorities to raise funds by additional tax levies.

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More than 40,000 plurality was given the minimum wage amendment to the city charter and almost as large a plurality for the amendment to provide separate council representation for newly annexed territory.

The voters of Cuyahoga county outside of Cleveland added to the pluralities given by the city against the Sprague congressional redistricting act and the McDermott liquor license decentralizer.

The proposed constitutional amendment for statewide prohibition failed of approval in Cleveland by 37,646 and in the county by 37,553.

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The unofficial count of the votes cast at the election was not completed until 11 o'clock yesterday morning. The members of the board and clerks, who had been on duty since 6 o'clock Tuesday morning, went home at noon for the day, after stationing a policeman in the offices to guard the ballots and tally sheets.

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NOV 7 1915 LEADER

BY JOHN T. BOURKE.

Fifty thousand dollars is a conservative estimate of the sum expended in the recent municipal campaign in behalf of the six candidates for mayor.

The organizations behind the several mayoralty candidates have not yet filed reports giving the list of contributions to campaign funds and itemized accounts of expenditures. Under the corrupt practices act they have until next Friday to file with the election board these accounts.

The Democratic organization which managed the campaign of Peter Witt, in its report to be filed Monday or Tuesday, will list expenditures of between $20,000 and $21,000. No organization spent more money in trying to elect Witt than in any of its former campaigns. Last year it expended about $16,000 for its county campaign, and two years ago the cost to the organization of Mayor Newton D. Baker's re-election was about $18,500.

Davis Figures Not Available.

Figures are not available as to the expense incurred in the successful campaign of Harry L. Davis, but it is claimed the cost of his election was less than that of the Witt campaign.

The chairman of the finance committee which raised the funds for Charles P. Salen's campaign in a recent statement said the sum obtained was about $10,000.

Miner G. Norton's campaign cost about $4,000, his lieutenants say. He depended largely on volunteers for getting out the vote.

Socialists Spend Little.

The campaign of C. E. Ruthenberg, Socialist, and Richard Koeppel, Socialist Labor candidates, were conducted at less cost than those of the other aspirants for mayor.

Peter Witt's personal expenditures were $15.50. He spent $12 for the printing of nominating petitions before his candidacy was indorsed by the Democratic committee, and later paid $3.50 for subscriptions to newspapers.

Get Payroll Books to Pick Good Jobs.

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For the information of seekers for municipal positions under the incoming Davis administration it may be pertinent to explain that the edition of city payroll books has been exhausted. More than a hundred applications a day for payroll books have been received since Tuesday at the city clerk's office. The supply disappeared Wednesday and since then the city hall has been searched from cellar to attic for payroll lists.

Persons asking for payroll books want to pick out jobs for themselves under the Davis administration. The positions they are looking for pay from $100 to $200 a month.

Take it from Councilman "Jimmie" McGinty, of the ninth ward, that the Democrats in the city hall are smiling at the idea of Republicans thinking all the jobs are to be had for the asking or by ousting incumbents. McGinty opines that it will take a big crowbar to pry most of the Democrats loose from fat jobs. It seems that the Democrats anticipating an overturning of the municipal government some time, in a number of instances, sought to nail down their jobs by taking civil service examinations for many places so that the eligible lists would be composed of Democrats only. In the purchasing department, for example, every employee is said to be on the eligible list for every job in the office from commissioner of purchases and supplies down. The result is that should Commissioner Callow be separated from the service his first three assistants would be certified by the civil service commission and from this list his successor would have to be named, unless the eligible list was destroyed.

It is said similar conditions prevail in a number of other departments.

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This, it seems, has been the Democratic scheme for safeguarding their jobs in the classified service.

When the Democrats got into power following the Baehr regime they found a way to get rid of Republican officeholders by changing the titles of positions in the classified service, and making a pretense of abolishing places while creating new ones. Whether this can be done under the municipal charter will be a problem for the incoming administration to work out.

W. W. Durbin, chairman of the Democratic state central committee, the business and political partner of W. L. Finley, chairman of the Democratic state executive committee, was refused a second term on the board of education by the voters of Kenton, his home town, at the election last Tuesday. Kenton is a Democratic city and when Finley was issuing statements from Democratic state headquarters that the defeat of legislative acts in the referendum election meant the repudiation of the Republican state administration, he neglected to tell what happened to his partner in their home city.

Durbin was not only defeated for the school board by Oscar Shilling, a laborer in the Ohio Central railroad carshops, but his Democratic candidate for mayor, Charles Price, was defeated for re-election by a twenty-three-year-old Republican, George Lingrel. Durbin blames the women of Kenton for his defeat, but it is said he lost Democratic votes by refusing to greet his former political idol, William Jennings Bryan, when the latter visited Kenton recently.

Durbin remained in his office while Bryan was in the city. He is being blamed by some of his political lieutenants for the defeat of Price for mayor, and the turning over of the municipal government to the Republicans for the first time in eight years. Dr. B. K. Johnson, the Democrat who ran with Durbin for the school board, was elected, making the state chairman's defeat doubly bitter. Durbin ran for congress against Frank B. Willis, present governor, in 1912, and was defeated.

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The Cleveland Democratic organization will support James M. Cox for the gubernatorial nomination, if he becomes a candidate, but they are hoping he will not ask to run. The organization leaders are not anxious for a fight between the friends of Senator Atlee Pomerene and the Cox-Finley state machine. They are hopeful Finley will voluntarily decline to stand as a candidate for another term as chairman of the state executive committee. In any event they do not believe Finley will manage the state campaign in 1916.

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Candidates who filed accounts yesterday of their campaign expenditures were M. C. Yeagle, school board, defeated, $25.50; H. C. Halley, assessor twenty-sixth ward, defeated, $5; E. E. Stowe, assessor, ninth ward, defeated, $8.50.

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Democratic Members in Caucus Vote to Aid Davis' Constructive Plans, Bar His Politics.

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Back Extension of 3-Cent Light to All Parts of Town, Re-Election of Old Officers.

PLAIN DEALER

FOR ECONOMY, BUT WON'T CRIPPLE CITY'S SERVICE

Agree to Consult With Incoming Executive on Budget.

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Working Majority Indicated.

The call for yesterday's caucus was not publicly announced. The result of the meeting indicates that Democratic forces will have a working majority in council.

Of the five newly elected Democrats, three were present. John P. Becker and E. H. Krueger did not attend. Those present in addition to the eleven re-elected Democratic members were John M. Sulzmann, Charles A. Kadelecek and Frank J. Faulhaber. Mayor Baker was not present.

Results of the meeting show that Democrats are sure of a majority without the votes of the two absent members who have been referred to as independents because of the fights that they waged in their wards in defeating the two present members of council.

There are twenty-six members of council. A majority vote is required on all ordinances and resolutions. A two-thirds vote is required for the suspension of the rules.

Following yesterday's meeting this statement was given out by President Thompson:

A majority of the members-elect of the next council are Democrats. Fourteen of them met today in the office of the mayor for the purpose of discussing their responsibility as a majority in the new administration. They expressed their determination to work in harmony with the mayor-elect in any policy he may have for the betterment and progress of the city, including his announced program of economy.

Back City Light Plan.

Particularly, the members present declared their belief in the municipal electric light plant and in three-cent light and that they would do everything possible in bringing about 3-cent light for all the people of Cleveland.

For the purpose of carrying out their responsibility as a majority it was decided to re-elect the present officers and employes of the council.

"We are for the extension of 3-cent light," said Councilman J. W. Reynolds, Democratic floor leader of the council and who is expected to act in the same capacity in the incoming council. The work must be pushed forward just as it has in the past four years. Three-cent light must be extended to every section of Cleveland. We will vote for everything that favors this policy and we will oppose anything that would hamper this movement.

"We will consult the new mayor on the new budget. We are for economy, but we do not favor crippling city service in the interest of any political policy. We will favor any constructive plans proposed by the new mayor. We will not be obstructionists. We want to put the interests of Cleveland over and above every consideration.

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Mr. Gahn emphatically denied last evening statements that he had told anyone the job was promised him.

He would neither confirm nor deny, however, the report he had been offered the place.

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The board of elections finished the official count on the mayoralty returns yesterday, establishing the city's total vote at 105,939. The previous record was 105,066 votes cast in the state and county election of 1914.

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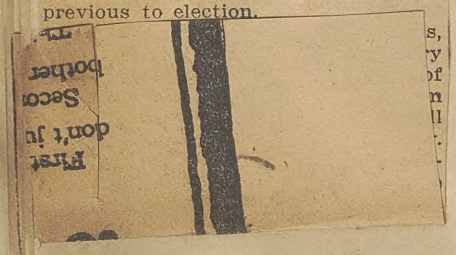
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Witt carried all the West Side wards except the seventh, the tenth down town, and all but eighteenth, nineteenth, twenty-first and twenty-sixth on the East Side. Davis carried ward seven on the West Side, wards nine, eleven and twelve down town, wards thirteen, fourteen and fifteen in the South End and wards eighteen, nineteen, twenty-one and twenty-six in the East End.

Source of Norton's Strength Shown.

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The official tabulation of the vote for mayor by wards was completed yesterday and affords an interesting study for politicians. Due to the presence of two Republican candidates for mayor Witt was able to secure first choice pluralities in several wards which are normally Republican. The combined first choice votes of Norton and Davis if cast for one Republican would have carried wards one, two, three, six, eight, sixteen, seventeen, twenty, twenty-two, twenty-four and twenty-five in addition to those won by Davis, or a total of twenty-two, leaving to the Democratic candidate only wards four, five, ten and twenty-three.

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File Expense Accounts.

Candidate for judgeships on the bench of the municipal court filed the following reports of campaign expenditures. Fred F. Truhlar, defeated, $17.50; Walter McMahon, defeated, $256.50; O. W. Broadwell, defeated, $102.50; F. P. Walther, defeated, $330.84; L. N. Lawrence, defeated, $169.07; Milan Gallagher, defeated, $515; David Moylan, elected, $440.50.

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There were delivered to Maschke at the same time copies of the telegrams, with the information they had been sent to Gov. Willis. No statement about the probable writers of the messages was made by Maschke and after the conference he declined to comment on the development.

May Ignore Messages.

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State house gossip today was that Gov. Willis yesterday received information from Dan R. Hanna and William P. Leech, manager of the Hanna papers, in which these two men disclaimed any wish to pose as political dictators or bosses. They are said to have expressed a deep interest in procuring party harmony in Cuyahoga county, and wanted whatever steps were taken to bring it about to be wisely directed so that substantial results would accrue for the party advantage.

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However, from the tone of their statements it looked as though today might bring an announcement as to Mr. Maschke's decision. Acceptance was the prediction last night. It is more than likely Republican conferences of importance will be held today, when Mr. Davis will be back on the job at his offices after yesterday's absence.

From remarks dropped in the party, which on leaving the train, included John H. Orgill, Nathan E. Cook and E. W. Davis as well as the mayor-elect and Mr. Maschke, the first lines have been laid for harmonizing the Republican factions in Cuyahoga county under one leadership, and the party will spend Thanksgiving with the pleasing prospect, seemingly assured unless something slips, of an actual getting together in the immediate future. The conference at Columbus yesterday with Gov. Willis had direct bearing on this situation.

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Edward W. Horn yesterday was reappointed Republican member of the Cuyahoga county liquor licensing commission for four years.

The state license commission notified him of the reappointment. All Republican factions in Cleveland favored his retention. A fight was directed against him from within the Republican party in the fall, but leaders of three factions went to the front for him in a conference with state commissioners here.

Mr. Horn was appointed for the short term when the original Cuyahoga county board was named. John Krause, Democratic member, still has two years to serve.

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Willis' Attempt to Have Him Make Overtures Fails.

Peace overtures for harmony in republican ranks in Cleveland must come from the Hanna or other factions opposed to Maurice Maschke and Mayor-elect Davis, or the political hatchet won't be buried.

This was the republican situation Wednesday following the return here of Mayor-elect Davis and Maschke after their visit Tuesday to Gov. Willis at Columbus.

"Gov. Willis was the only man who mentioned harmony in our conversation," said Davis Wednesday. "He stated we republicans ought to get together up here. I said we would harmonize if the other people came to us."

Davis resumed the building of his cabinet Wednesday. He had under consideration, he said, new cabinet possibilities, but would not disclose them. One of these is P. W. Harvey.

Maschke Wednesday was still on the fence as to whether he would accept or decline the position as server.

Judge Fielder Sanders, most prominently named for law directorship, conferred with Davis Wednesday.

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LIGHT PLANT IS SAFE, DAVIS SAYS

Harry L. Davis, mayor-elect Wednesday termed "absurd" Mayor Baker's belief that the new administration plans to sell the muny light plant.

Davis said he expects to insist that the Illuminating company cut its rates as low as muny plant rates.

"I want to reduce operating expenses, to produce muny light at the cheapest possible rate," said Davis. "I feel sure light can be sold cheaper than the Illuminating company is selling it."

Mayor Baker Wednesday said he was "decidedly in earnest" Monday night when he stated influences are at work to have the Davis administration dispose of the muny plant.

Samuel Scovil, Illuminating company president, said he is not in the market to buy the muny plant.

Davis Dead Sure He's Cleveland's Choice for Mayor; Gets Certificat



JOHN H. ORGILL "SURPRISES" HARRY DAVIS

HARRY L. DAVIS Monday was given official proof he has been elected mayor of Cleveland, when John H. Orgill of the board of elections delivered to him a certificate of election, bearing the official seal of the board.

Davis said Monday it is useless for club women to attempt further to get Rev. A. Frank Houser, Trinity Baptist church, to accept the welfare directorship, as the position no longer is open to him.

"I had a talk with Mr. Houser after I got his letter of refusal, and urged him to accept. He told me his decision was final and I dropped his name from those being considered for the cabinet," Davis said. "He would have made a good director."

Davis will dodge office seekers again Tuesday, he said. He won't be at his office.

Davis is expected to see Maurice Maschke late Tuesday and get his acceptance of the public service directorship. Politicians say there is little likelihood Maschke will refuse.

Davis said Monday he has practically decided on his cabinet makeup, but won't announce it until December 1.

Judge Sanders, Councilman Fitzgerald and Councilman Gahn still are being considered for the law directorship. Davis is expected to give the traction commissioner's job to Fitzgerald. Both pay $7,500.

Rev. Dan F. Bradley, of the Pilgrim Congregational church, and Lamar T. Beman, school teacher, are being considered for the welfare directorship, Davis said.

Davis was in Judge Stevens' court Monday to confer with George B. Harris, chairman of the Republican county committee, who was appearing in court for a client. Harris said the conference was "personal."

DAVIS TO BOOST WINTER SPORTS

General Park Recreation Plan to be Enlarged, He Says.

Public recreation activities and sports under Mayor-elect Davis will be on a more extensive scale than ever before, Davis said Monday. He also announced that h plans to unite the welfare, recrea tion and park departments.

Davis will use the program adopted for this winter by Recreation Commissioner Black as a basis for the program he and his welfare director will work out. "Present plans will be largely added to, however," he said.

"I want to see the children, the young and the not-so-young out in the open, breathing the fine air and indulging in healthy sports," Davis said.

Thirty or more lots will be banked and filled with water when freezing weather comes that there may be skating ponds in all sections of the city.

Garfield, Brookside, Rockefeller, Wade, Ambler and Shaker Lakes parks have natural ponds for skaters. In Gordon, Edgewater and other parks lawns will be banked and flooded to provide ponds.

Tournaments for children, gradually leading up to city championships, in which prizes will be given, is the aim of Davis.

Ski-ing and coasting, with night parties under proper supervision, with huge bon-fires, and ice-hockey contests will be held.

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This action will probably be followed by the inauguration of an independent audit of every city department by Davis for comparison with the financial statement which the outgoing Democratic officials will draw up, it was stated by Davis supporters yesterday.

Requested by Davis.

The legislation of last night was introduced by Councilman Fitz-Gerald, following a conference with the mayor-elect. It is admitted Davis asked for the introduction of the measure upon information he had received that the present administration is "loading up" with supplies in the hope of embarrassing the Davis regime.

Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies Callow denied yesterday that there had been a flood of requisitions from the various departments since election. He admitted his suspicions had been aroused over one demand of the street cleaning department for several hundred dollars' worth of supplies for repair work, but declared Director of Public Service Sidlo had assured him they were necessary.

It is expected a formal protest will be lodged with the mayor-elect today by a delegation of Baptist ministers concerning any contemplated reopening of the segregated district or more liberal interpretation of the liquor laws by the new administration. The delegation called yesterday but was unable to see Davis.

Farrell Offered Place.

Thomas H. Farrell, secretary of the Cleveland Federation of Labor, is now the leading union labor candidate for a place in Davis' cabinet, the mayor-elect said yesterday. Davis declared Farrell would be offered a directorship, probably that of public utilities. Whether Farrell will accept is a question. He is now in California, but will confer with Davis immediately upon his return.

It is pointed out by Davis supporters that the selection of Farrell would be a happy solution of the tangle over the appointment of a labor man to the cabinet, John G. Owens, hoisting engineers' business agent, and J. W. Hart, president of the Cleveland federation, have both been active candidates for the position. Much bitterness has sprung up between the factions supporting them.

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Rev. A. Frank Houser, first offered the directorship by Davis, but who later refused it, will not be given an opportunity to reconsider his decision, Davis said yesterday. He so informed a delegation of clubwomen that called upon him to ask the mayor-elect to tender the place to him again.

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Many members of the committee are opposed to preferential voting, but they don't consider it good politics to try to snatch victory from Davis.

"I object to the democratic committee being attacked for what Bulkley does without consulting the members," was the comment on the affair by Charlie Lapp, United States marshal.

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Other cabinet positions which had not been definitely settled yesterday, according to Republican leaders, were: Director of finance, for which Lamar T. Beman, instructor at East high school, is being strongly considered; director of public welfare, position offered to P. W. Harvey, capitalist, philanthropist and former member of the board of health; and director of public utilities, post offered to Thomas S. Farrell, secretary of the Cleveland Federation of Labor.

It was understood yesterday Mr. Harvey has not expressed his acceptance or refusal of the post offered him, and Mr. Farrell, who is on his way home from the Pacific coast, has not made a reply to the offer made him.

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A number of friends of Councilman Harry C. Gahn, who claim that they had a definite understanding a year ago that if Harry L. Davis were elected mayor, Mr. Gahn would be named director of law, met last evening to consider what should be done, since their expectations have been defeated.

After a conference with Mr. Gahn, lasting over an hour, they advised him not to take any steps at this time. They say they hold nothing against any of the men mentioned for law director, but feel Mr. Gahn should have been appointed, in view of promises they say were made.

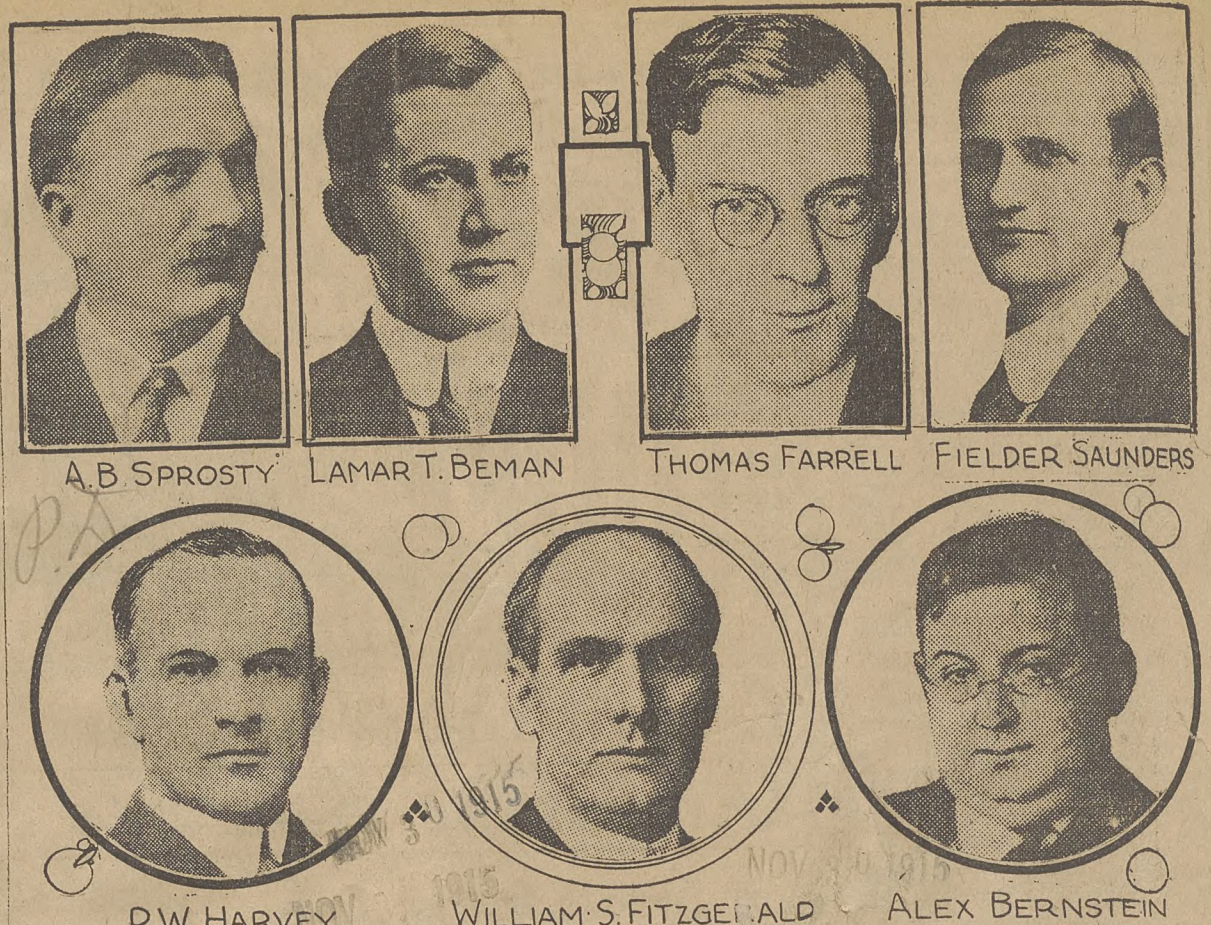
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The mayor-elect declined Dr. Walz's proposal, saying that his ideas of economy did not include cutting salaries or appointing men to work without salaries, but contemplated abolishing useless jobs. Dr. Walz is traveling in the west.

Mr. Davis will officially announce the names of his cabinet appointees tomorrow.

Among minor appointments it was believed by Republican leaders yesterday that Herman E. Kohen, a young attorney with offices in the Society for Savings building, is slated for the position of chief police prosecutor.

Men Expected to Land in Davis Cabinet



Bulkley Sees Lawyers on Suit Against Davis

Chairman R. J. Bulkley of the Democratic county executive committee spend part of yesterday with his attorneys getting into shape the petition he intends to file this week to contest the election of Harry L. Davis as mayor.

Mr. Bulkley said last night he did not know exactly when the suit will be begun. No activity was visible yesterday among members of the committee opposed to the suit.

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COMMITTEE TO ACT ON SUIT

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R. J. Bulkley, Democratic county chairman, Tuesday had ready his suit to contest the election of Harry L. Davis, but was uncertain as to when it would be filed. Bulkley said it would be filed Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday or Thursday. Bulkley's last opportunity to file, under the law, will be Thursday.

At noon he called a meeting of the Democratic executive committee to "tell them his purposes in filing the suit." The meeting was to be held at Democratic headquarters at 4 o'clock.

Bulkley wouldn't say what he planned to tell the committee. Politicians predicted Bulkley would announce his intention not to make a fight to seat Witt.

Bulkley wouldn't talk about the likelihood of his resigning from the committee chairmanship because of dissension brought on by his proposed suit. Democratic leaders said he wouldn't be asked to resign and several declared he wouldn't do it.

Followers of Robert Crosser, who defeated Bulkley for the nomination in Democratic primaries two years ago, hope to use Bulkley's disregard of Democratic sentiment to push him down and out of the race for re-election to Congress next

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Harvey Declines the Offer of Welfare Position—Cabinet Is Completed.

A big surprise was sprung in the cabinet selections of Harry L. Davis yesterday when it became known that the mayor-elect had decided to appoint Robert H. Clark, broker, 3602 Euclid ave., director of finance. The position is to be offered Clark today. Clark declined to state last night whether he would accept.

Clark was a real "dark horse." He is unknown to many of the followers of Davis' recent campaign and his name has never been mentioned by the mayor-elect's close advisers as a cabinet possibility. Clark's business experience and the fact that he was a member of the finance committee of Davis' campaign two years ago, is said to be responsible for his appointment.

Beman to Get Place.

Another change in the cabinet plans of Davis was caused yesterday by the definite refusal of Perry W. Harvey, a trustee of the Associated Charities, to serve as director of welfare. He said private business prevented his acceptance of the place. Harvey's attitude coupled with Clark's selection ot the finance position makes the selection of Lemar T. Beman, East High school instructor, as head of the welfare department a certainty.

Judge Fielder Sanders, who was backed by many Davis followers as the best bet for director of law, will be given the place of street railway commissioner and will accept it if those friends of his declared yesterday. As a result the cabinet that Davis will announce tomorrow will be as follows:

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY—A. B. ROSTY.
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE—ALEX BERNSTEIN.
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The first five men named have already signified their intentions of accepting the places offered them. The last two appointments are the only ones in doubt. Farrell, who is secretary of the Cleveland Federation of Labor, is out of the city and will not return until tomorrow.

Close friends of Farrell have expressed doubt about his acceptance of the mayor-elect's offer. They point out that it would mean his leaving the union labor movement in which he has made a fine record. They declare he has taken up that line of endeavor as his life work and would loath to drop out even for a few years.

Conference Held.

There is considerable speculation among politicians as to who will be appointed to Judge Sanders' place on the municipal court bench. Pierre A. White, spellbinder for Davis during the campaign, is known to be the mayor-elect's choice for the position. In case he fails to be selected by Governor Willis he will probably be given the job of first assistant law director.

With the cabinet selections definitely settled the mayor-elect will begin today the shaping of his policies and the choosing of minor appointees. There are several very lucrative positions at the city hall that are not covered by civil service and a big scramble is expected to take place for them.

Among those which are looked upon by hungry job-hunters with covetous eye are the commissionership of light and heat, which pays $7,000 a year; commissioner of water, a $5,000 job, and commissioner of health, worth $3,500.

Will Abolish Positions.

It developed yesterday that one of the first moves in the Davis economy program is the abolishment of three positions in the public service department, those of superintendent of street cleaning, superintendent of street repair and superintendent of sidewalk repair.

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Davis was sworn into the mayor's office by George B. Harris yesterday. No ceremonies attended the mayor-elect's acceptance of the oath of office.

The bond of the mayor-elect in the sum of $10,000 will be filed with the city clerk today. It was all drawn up and ready to be submitted to council last night when it was discovered that Davis had not affixed his signature to the document.

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Peter Henry Among Those Not Elected on First Choices Alone.

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The proposed action has brought forth a maze of controversies and conflicting conclusions as to its ultimate result among attorneys. The majority are inclined to the belief that if the suit is successful it would mean another municipal election, instead of the awarding of the mayor's office to Peter Witt as the instigators of it will contend for.

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While Democratic politicians are silent upon the ethics of the contemplated action, Republicans supporting Davis were very outspoken in expressing their contempt and indignation at the proposed suit. "Squealers" was only one of the many terms the Davis supporters applied to those instituting the action.

Speculation was rife yesterday as to what effect a court decision declaring the preferential ballot system invalid would have upon the city council. Only six members of the next council were elected by receiving a majority of first choice votes. These were: James J. McGinty, ward 9; John W. Reynolds, ward 10; Alex Bernstein, ward 12; Harry C. Gahn ward 18; John M. Sulzmann, ward 21, and A. J. Damm, ward 23.

Twenty Councilmen Involved.

The remaining twenty councilmen-elect were second and third choice candidates. Some of them received a plurality of first choice votes, but not a majority. A few of them may have failed to receive even a plurality of first choice votes.

The re-election of Peter Henry, Democratic clerk of the municipal court, will also be placed in jeopardy if the threatened suit is filed. Though he received a plurality of first choice votes, Henry failed of a majority until his second choice votes were added.

Should the supreme court invalidate the entire election, as some lawyers say is possible, the municipal judges elected may not be allowed to take their seats unless they win them again at a special election. There is a possibility also that the election on bond issues and other municipal propositions may be thrown out.

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Believes Public Will Protest.

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Campaign Against Persian Gulf.

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VIS TO RAISE FUNDS BY SALE

Get $200,000 Out of Two City Properties.

Mayor-elect Davis said Monday expects to get extra funds to run the city in 1916 by selling the old workhouse site on Woodland-av, and 80 acres of city-owned land on Union-av.

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"I hope to use some of the fund for a new park downtown," said Davis.

John Farley, ex-mayor, and Thornton Hutchcroft Monday held the pole as probable members of Davis' boxing commission, which he expects to name Tuesday. Davis has formulated these rules:

The commission must be self-supporting; fight permits will go only to clubs regularly organized for three years; one fight a month in each club will be the limit; bouts must be orderly.

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Davis and his cabinet are to attend sessions of council committees on finance and appropriations. The first meeting will probably be held Wednesday.

The mayor-elect is to meet with his cabinet at 10 a. m. Tuesday.

Mayor Baker has instructed the board of control not to offer Davis advice on budget cuts, but "to aid him in any other way."

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The Davis aides agreed that economy must be practiced in other departments. They expressed themselves as convinced, however, that an investigation of the management of the city's varied activities would show a tremendous waste. In the elimination of alleged extravagance, the abolishment of many jobs and the combining of various departments, the Davis cabinet professes to see its hopes of redeeming its economy pledge.

Davis and his directors will attend the hearings of the council committee framing the appropriation ordinance when it convenes at city hall this morning. It was decided at yesterday's meeting, however, that the mayor-elect's cabinet will offer no suggestions or make any objections to the committee regarding the measure.

Attend Finance Meetings.

"We are attending the committee meetings to learn something concerning the need for the appropriations," said Davis. "We would be in no position to criticize or object to the claims of various departments for funds, as we have no knowledge as to their wants. If the committee frames an appropriation ordinance that totals more than the city's income we do not have to spend the money thus appropriated."

Davis, accompanied by Thomas W. Farrell, appointed director of public utilities, inspected the new city hall yesterday. They expressed surprise at the status of the work, declaring they did not believe it would be ready for occupancy before June.

The mayor-elect and Farrell conferred with Statistician Croxden, of the state industrial commission, who asked a $4,000 increase in the appropriation for carrying on the work of the state-city free employment bureau. Davis refused to approve any plans to spend more money on the bureau this year.

Jacob Crawford, managing clerk of the law department for nearly a score of years, is to be retained by W. S. FitzGerald, appointed director of law, according to a report yesterday.

EXPENSE BILL IS UNFAIR TO DAVIS, CHARGE

1916 City Budget Scored; $500,000 Water Bonds Pass.

WOODS WINS CAR QUIZ

LEADER

Council Demands Railway Report; Protests State Phone Valuation.

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Introduction of the 1916 appropriation ordinance, the authorization of a half million dollars' worth of waterworks bonds and other important legislation affecting the incoming city administration marked last night's council meeting.

New matters submitted to the council for consideration at its closing session included a proposal to pay the estate of Judge James Lawrence $5,000 for services rendered by the jurist in connection with the settlement of the lake front controversy with railroads.

Valuation Protested.

The council protested to the state public utilities commission against the tentative valuation placed upon the property of the Cleveland Telephone Company. Councilman McGinty's resolution authorizing the director of public utilities to spend $5,000 for an audit of the lighting division by public accountants was referred. A resolution by Councilman Woods was adopted, calling for a report of the financial condition of the Cleveland Railway Company. Woods' request for a report a week ago stirred up administration opposition.

His resolution was adopted last night after a preamble reciting that over-expenditures had been permitted was stricken out by the committee on street railways.

Form is Blank.

The appropriation ordinance was introduced in blank form. Hearing will start tomorrow morning, Councilman Rolf, chairman of the joint committee on appropriations and finances, announced. Mayor Baker has instructed departmental directors to "answer questions, but not volunteer suggestions at hearings."

Councilman FitzGerald, who will be director of law in the Davis cabinet, declared that it would be unfair to make the incoming administration shoulder the entire responsibility of framing the ordinance. He said the committee in its sessions should act as if there was to be no change in administration.

The half million dollar waterworks bond issue was passed without opposition. Legislation authorizing the purchase of the Newark-Trent playground for $8,000 was also approved by the council without discussion.

Baker Introduces Bill.

The ordinance proposing to pay the Lawrence estate was introduced by Mayor Baker. Lawrence was city solicitor in 1894 and 1895 and started the suit which ultimately gave the city the forty-eight-acre tract at W. 9th st., to be traded to railroads in the union depot settlement. He had drawn $9,000 for legal services but died before the case was decided and before he had presented his final bills.

Councilmen saw in a resolution by Councilman Gahn first signs of hostility against the incoming Davis administration. Gahn, a Republican, asked for a report on the status of the city's three-cent light fight with the Illuminating company, and what further action by the council is necessary. The law department was also asked to rule if the city under home rule could fix lighting rates independently of the state public utilities commission.

Here's Gahn's Reason.

"I wanted to make sure that the next administration would continue the light fight," said Gahn. The resolution asking for the report was referred to the committee on light and heat.

Ordinances vacating several streets in the Cleveland & Youngstown freight terminal district were submitted. Work on bridges in connection with the project is to be started at once, Attorney John L. Cannon informed council committees.

Councilman Smith introduced legislation to reimburse police department members deprived of pay under a ruling by former Director of Public Safety Stage, docking policemen for sickness not contracted on duty. Four members of the department will receive back pay amounting to $47.52 if the legislation passes. The rule was in effect but two weeks and was rescinded by Director Benesch.

YES, IT'LL BE SOME BIG EVE AS '16 IS BORN

Little Old Lid Will Be Lost in Shuffle, Is Belief.

POLICE IN QUANDARY

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Baker Out, Davis In, So Cafes Prepare for Hot Time.

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The pop, pop of corks in the necks of tall, cold bottles; the merry zip of the siphon's spout; the tinkle of cracked ice in glasses; the harmony rag of the carefree cabaret—all will unite in Cleveland's chorus of jollity on a brand new kind of a New Year's eve.

The lid is going to be ripped off and thrown away—so say the optimists, who already are tasting the joys of anticipation of an unrestricted carnival three weeks from next Friday night.

While the city strips off an old year and slips on a new, it will have the glorious, not to say boisterous, task of ringing out an old—and often irksome—administration and ringing in a new one.

'Twill Be SOME Eve.

In those bright and early hours while the stagehands are shifting the scenes on the municipal stage the rollicking folk who annually jam the streets and swamp the cafes are hopeful of making this New Year's eve eminently worth while. And this in the face of the high cost of wine that keeps getting higher and the rare old vintages that keep getting rarer.

Downtown cafes, restaurants and hotels are already making elaborate preparations for saying "hello" to young 1916. The market quotations on tables are mounting rapidly, for Cleveland habitually prepares for a fete like New Year's eve many weeks in advance.

Speculation effervesces everywhere, for the optimistic ones see a merry night and a long one, because with the hour of midnight on December 31 the more or less iron-clad Baker administration will cease to be anything except a memory. Automatically Harry L. Davis will become mayor.

So the very good prospects, it is whispered, are that the midnight closing order will be lost in the shuffle. No one wants to disobey the law, it is pointed out, but it is generally believed, and hoped by the prospective celebrators, that the incoming administration will be sufficiently jubilant over that interesting fact to permit some real jollifying on their own account.

What Mayor-elect Davis or his new director of public safety, A. B. Sprosty, will do, however, is not known, for they have not yet disclosed their attitude toward a lidded or a lidless New Year's eve.

Go to It, Says Benesch.

So far as Director of Public Safety Benesch is concerned, Cleveland can stay out all night and paint itself a violet shade of red on New Year's eve.

"It will be none of my business what goes on after midnight," Benesch said yesterday. "I have issued no New Year's eve orders to the police and I don't propose to issue any."

Mayor Baker isn't taking any interest at all in the New Year's eve festival. Said he, laconically: "I will cease to be mayor at midnight."

The one man who is vitally interested in the prospective lifting of the lid, Police Chief Rowe, is in a quandary on the subject. So far as New Year's eve is concerned he is hoping for the best—and expecting the worst.

"It's all up to Mayor-elect Davis," Rowe said.

Accepts Davis Post As Finance Director



C.J. NEAL

DAVIS CABINET SHARPENS AX; ALBER TO QUIT

Mayor-Elect and Aides Hold "Secret" Meet; Park Commissioner to Get $6,000 Job in Newburg, N. Y.

The ceremony of the ax, in store for jobholders' heads, is believed to have been the prime topic of discussion when Mayor-elect Davis and his cabinet held a star chamber meeting yesterday in the Cleveland Athletic Club.

Doors were closed upon the proceedings. But through them, into the cabinet meeting, filtered the news that any elimination step contemplated toward the office of commissioner of parks will be unnecessary, since Fred C. Alber, incumbent of that office, announced during the day that he will resign to take a $6,000 job at Newburg, N. Y.

From the meeting filtered talk of reorganization of various city departments and news that, in reviewing the budget, the cabinet agreed upon reductions they will ask before the council appropriations committee today.

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Other Topics "Secret."

Other matters were of a "secret nature," Davis said, but they did not concern minor appointments. The cabinet was addressed by Dr. John A. Hornsby, of Chicago, consulting physician at the City hospital, who outlined proposed improvements and extensions planned there.

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"He did not, however, tell us where we could reduce expenses," said Lamar T. Beman, new director of welfare. "That is and will be the paramount subject with us for some time."

In announcing his resignation as commissioner of parks, Alber yesterday said he will become the first city manager of Newburg, N. Y., under the new charter approved by the voters there at the recent election. Alber yesterday signed a four-year contract at a salary of $6,000 a year. He has been in charge of the Cleveland park system for the last four years.

Wide powers are conferred upon the city manager by the Newburg charter. He has absolute control of all city departments and has the power of levying assessments. He names all departmental heads. The clerical force of the city alone is responsible to a board of commissioners, who select the city manager.

Newburg Has 30,000.

Newburg is a city of 30,000 population and is fifty-eight miles from New York city. It is one of the first cities in that state to adopt the city manager plan of government.

Before becoming commissioner of parks Alber was secretary and treasurer of the Forest City Railroad Company.

He was private secretary to the late Tom L. Johnson for a number of years. He is also president of the Toledo garbage disposal company. Alber at first received $5,000 a year as commissioner of parks. This salary was cut to $3,500 a year under the new charter reorganization.

2,000 ASK JOBS OF DAVIS; ONLY 250 TO BESTOW

Cabinet Members Busy Winnowing Applications; Efficiency Not Politics Test, Says FitzGerald.

The distribution of patronage is on of the hardest jobs Harry L. Davi mayor-elect, now has to face. A ready his chief aides, definite settled upon only Wednesday, a groaning under the task of pickin their subordinates from the hundre of applicants for the few jobs the have at their disposal.

"My entire time is taken up liste ing to the recommendations of del gations and the candidates tellin their qualifications for the eight sul ordinates I have to select," said W S. FitzGerald, named director of la by Davis. "Efficiency and not po tics, however, will be the standard which I will pick my assistant."

Davis to Ratify Action.

Davis has instructed each of directors to interview the various a plicants for jobs in their respecti departments and will ask for reco mendations as to the best men f the places. The directors have be instructed to choose their own assis ants, but their choice must be ra fied by the mayor-elect before it b comes official.

Despite the fact that Davis was of the city on a hunting trip yest day, half a hundred job-seekers cal at his headquarters in the Schofi building and entered themselves the free-for-all candidacy swe stakes. Letters of applications positions already on file with R. Johnson, Davis' assistant, total cl to 2,000. Of this number not m than 250 will receive appointment

There are a little more than 100 places at city hall paying from $1,200 a year to $7,000 that are not protected by civil service. It is expected these will be filled immediately upon the new administration taking office. Perhaps 150 positions under civil service will be made vacant by Davis on the ground that the present occupants are incompetent.

Positions Not Protected.

The following is a list of city positions not under the civil service and the yearly salary of each:

$7,000—Commissioner of light and heat.

$5,000—Commissioner of water.

$4,000—First assistant law director.

$3,600—Superintendent of City hospital.

$3,500—Commissioner of health, second assistant law director.

$3,200—Superintendent of power.

$3,000—Commissioner of accounts, deputy commissioner of parks, two assistant law directors.

$2,700—City architect.

$2,500—Engineer of construction.

$2,400—Chief draftsman, first assistant treasurer, superintendent of street cleaning.

$2,200—Commissioner of smoke inspection, chief accountant.

$2,100—Superintendent of construction, deputy commissioner of accounts, assistant architect, engineer of electrical construction, superintendent of power stations.

$2,000—Garbage department veterinarian, superintendent of boys' home, superintendent of Cooley farms, assistant engineer of power, seven district physicians, assistant superintendent of City hospital, superintendent of Tuberculosis hospital, assistant engineer of construction.

$1,800—Assistant engineer of construction, superintendent of machine shops, chief clerk, second assistant treasurer, claim adjuster, first assistant engineer roads and pavements, assistant architect, architectural superintendent, secretary of parks, principal training school hospital, chief of division of hygiene, chief of bureau of laboratories, diagnostician, assistant engineer of construction, superintendent of construction, superintendent of meters, superintendent of underground construction, superintendent of electrical work.

$1,700—Departmental examiner.

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$1,320—Superintendent nurses at tuberculosis farm, assistant engineer of filter tests, linemen foreman, surveymen,

$1,200—Pathologist, assistant bacteriologist, record clerk in division of buildings, building inspector, assistant engineer of distribution, chief of waste detection, engineer city farms, clerk service department, inspector breakwater construction, three draftsmen, construction engineer, operating engineer.

In addition to these there are five positions as police prosecutors that will be open, paying from $1,500 to $2,000 a year. Miss Mildred Chadsey's position as chief of sanitation at $1,800, Building Inspector Allen's place worth $4,000, Civil Service Commissioner Keough's job paying $2,000 and City Chemist White's berth at $2,000 will also be open January 1.

DAVIS SEES $143,492 CUT FROM BUDGET

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Attends Meeting of Appropriation Committee With Cabinet.

MORE POLICE DENIED

FitzGerald and Sidlo Clash Over $100,000 City Hall Statuary.

Budget requests of city departments were slashed $143,492 at an all-day session of the council committees on appropriations and finances, yesterday. Further reductions of $856,018 must be made to allow Mayor-elect Davis to carry out his economy program of operating the city within its means.

Heaviest cuts were in the department of public safety. With Davis' approval, the committee refused Director of Public Safety Benesch's request for 100 additional police patrolmen. This alone reduced the estimates by $100,000. Another big item eliminated was $15,000 for enlarging police headquarters to accommodate a repair shop for departmental automobiles and motorcycles.

Davis and Cabinet Present.

Davis and his entire cabinet attended the hearings. The mayor-elect made few suggestions, remarking "I am here for information." Councilman FitzGerald, member of the committee, who is to be director of law in the new administration, was sponsor for many of the reductions.

FitzGerald and Director of Public Service Sidlo clashed over the proposed action of the present administration in spending $100,000 for statuary and mural paintings for the new city hall.

"It is mighty unfair for the administration to tie up contracts for this work now," said FitzGerald. "It has not even bought the necessary furniture for the new building. It could well stand for a hundred years without statues."

FitzGerald also attacked the proposal of Peter Henry, municipal court clerk, to add two additional clerks to his office staff.

"There ought to be an effort made to conduct the office with the same force," said the councilman.

The committee overruled the opposition and Henry's estimate was allowed to stand.

FitzGerald closely quizzed W. C. Keough, civil service commissioner, on the work done by that department. He indicated that the new administration might slice the salaries of commission members when he asked that action be deferred on the appropriation for salaries. This was done.

"How About It Now?" Asks Stolte.

The meetings were harmonious as a whole, but occasionally there were flashes of factionism. Councilman Stolte produced a resolution introduced by FitzGerald a year ago to cut the salary of the law director. He wanted to know if FitzGerald still favored the resolution. The councilman replied that he would introduce one if he saw fit.

The only salary increase application acted upon was that of Julius Pollock, secretary of the fire department. He asked to be raised from $1,700 to $2,000 per year. The raise was refused.

The Civic League through its secretary presented the committee with a request that the form of the appropriation ordinance be revised. A report was submitted by directors of the organization in which it was charged that the council was attempting to usurp the power of the board of control in the fixing of salaries of employees. The committee ignored the league's proposal.

Members of Davis' cabinet met in the offices of Davis & Farley, Hippodrome building, last night and went over the departmental appropriations that will be taken up at the committee meeting today.

The estimates for operating the departments of public service and public welfare were reviewed carefully by the Davis aides and several salary cuts as well as the abolishment of jobs agreed upon.

DAVIS AND AIDES SECRETLY MAKE FINANCE PLANS

Wait Till Council Meets to Tell if Further Cuts Will Be Demanded or Additional Funds Sought by Loans.

Mayor-elect Davis presided over a council of war of his cabinet yesterday and decided to mobilize heavy artillery to return the fire of Finance Director Coughlin, who demanded that the new administration either cut appropriations to the city income estimate or tell where it will get the extra money.

The meeting, which was secret, was held at the Cleveland Athletic Club and lasted nearly two hours. In attendance were Davis, newly appointed Law Director FitzGerald, Service Director Bernstein and Finance Director Neal.

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"We will not shirk our duty," Davis said after the conference. "We will explain our program fully, but not publicly until next Monday night's council meeting."

The new mayor and his advisers reached a decision but he refused to say whether the people will be asked to sanction by vote the borrowing of additional funds or whether a further attempt would be made to cut the budget.

The council appropriations committee will meet again this morning and it is believed that efforts will be made to prune down the $485,934 remaining above the city's estimated income for 1916.

FitzGerald Urges Cuts.

The cabinet yesterday is thought to have discussed a plan to meet Coughlin's demand to know where the money to operate the city is coming from by pretending that money is to be borrowed to make up the deficiency, and then make retrenchments later and avoid borrowing. FitzGerald declared in favor of further cuts in the welfare department's Warrensville farm appropriations.

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Will Succeed Sanders on Municipal Court Bench, Friends Say; Wagner to Be Chief of Accounts.

Pierre A. White was declared by adherents of Harry L. Davis last night to be the accepted choice for the appointment to the municipal court bench as successor to Judge Fielder Sanders. Sanders is to become street railway commissioner under the mayor-elect.

The Davis supporters have been back of White's candidacy for some time. White's appointment to the bench would solve one of Davis' most perplexing political problems, the mayor-elect's friends say, as it is one of two places that White has signified his willingness to accept.

It is said that Judge Sanders will retain his place on the bench until the holidays. The appointment of his successor is not expected to be made until the end of the month. Governor Willis was in Cincinnati yesterday and he has not made known how he views White's candidacy.

Wagner to be Promoted.

Peter Wagner, a city employee for nearly a score of years and at present deputy commissioner of accounts, will not only be retained by the Davis administration but he will also succeed to the job of his direct superior, Commissioner of Accounts Murphy.

This was the word passed out at the Davis headquarters yesterday. The first deputy commissionership, which pays $2,100, is to be abolished as part of the economy program of the Davis regime. Murphy is slated to go and Wagner is to step into his place, the salary of which is $3,000 a year.

The mayor-elect and his cabinet will meet for their second conference today. Clarence J. Neal, school board member, appointed director of finance by Davis Sunday, will attend and is to be asked to outline his views as to slicing $1,000,000 from the estimate of 1916 running expenses prepared by Mayor Baker.

Seeks Early Hearings.

Davis asked Councilman Rolf yesterday to begin the hearings of the council appropriations committee on the appropriation ordinance tomorrow, assuring the latter that the new cabinet would be in attendance. At today's meeting the mayor-elect's aides will make their final decisions as to what amount can be safely lopped off the appropriations for each department. In this way they hope to be able to present a definite program of reduction in expenses to the council appropriations committee.

It is planned to select the first assistants to some of the directors at today's meeting. The identity of those under consideration for these posts has been kept a close secret by the mayor-elect as well as his chief aides. There are said to be close to 150 applicants for the places.

One of the first matters the new administration will take up after the appropriation ordinance has been passed will be the question of establishing small parks in congested districts. This pledge Davis holds only second to his promise of economy. Two hundred thousand dollars that Davis expects the city will realize from the sale of the old Woodland ave. workhouse property and eight acres of land on Union ave. may be used to obtain land for the parks.

Farley, Hunchcroft Slated.

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Democrats Renig When Cut in Charity Groceries Appropriation Is Taken Up.

DAVIS WON'T STAND FOR 100 ADDITIONAL POLICE

Foundation Survey's Plan to Reorganize Outdoor Relief Is Turned Down.

Though they have declared repeatedly they would give Mayor-elect Davis and his cabinet a free hand in setting up city hall's 1916 appropriation, Democratic councilmen broke over Thursday. Headed by Councilman Damm, they refused to accede to Davis' wish that only $12,000 be allowed for groceries for the outdoor relief, where $18,000 had been asked.

In the same connection councilmen, both Republican and Democratic, gave the Cleveland Foundation and Allen T. Burns, its director, a severe bumping. They gave little consideration to the foundation's plans for revamping the outdoor relief, adding six clerks and opening five branch offices, and decided to continue as at present. Outdoor Relief Superintendent Kenney, Charities Commissioner Winans and Burns fought hard for the new plan.

In their Thursday morning session the committee cut $18,645, making the total already lopped off Mayor Baker's budget $162,145. To keep within the city's income $837,350 more must be pared, with four-fifths of the budget yet to be considered.

Kill Research Division.

Winans, in answer to Councilman Fitzgerald, admitted the outdoor relief's grocery bill was not quite $13,000. For next year, because of bettering industrial conditions, he thought that sum would suffice. In this Kenney concurred. But on the motion of Damm, seconded by Councilman McGinty, the full amount asked, $18,000, was allowed. The total asked for the outdoor relief, $61,000, was cut eventually to $54,900.

Welfare Director Cooley's and Winan's hope of seeing a division of publicity and research established went by the boards early. Their request for $1,385 for this purpose was knifed without debate. Two thousand dollars was taken off, in small amounts, from the $71,500 request by the board of elections.

Health Commissioner Ford, when quizzed, admitted the city kept no track of toxins given free from the health office, and that oftentimes this practice has been abused. In some cases, he said, Cleveland toxins have been found downstate, but in such small quantities the cost of investigating would have exceeded the first cost. Democrats gave in to Fitzgerald's demand that this item, calling for $15,000, be reduced to $10,000.

Davis Against Police.

At the outset of Thursday morning's meeting Fitzgerald served notice Davis has definitely decided against an additional $100,000 for 100 new police. He also stated that the $2,000 salaries of civil service commissioners will not be touched for the present. Fitzgerald later permitted the $3,600 salary of Dr. Martin Friedrich, city health expert, to remain, although it is reported the post is to be abolished. Action, if any, on this position will be taken later, Fitzgerald said.

SECOND CLINIC CLIPS $89,318 FROM BUDGET

Appropriation Committee Hews Toward Davis' Economy Line.

FACED BY BIG TASK

$766,700 Yet to Lop Off; Curtail City Activities.

A second slash of $89,318 was made in the city budget by the council committees on appropriations and finances yesterday, making a total of $232,910 already cut from the estimates for operating municipal departments.

In continuing its herculean task of aiding Mayor-elect Davis' economy program (which will require further reductions of $766,700) the committee vetoed plans to engage in new municipal activities.

Funds to establish bureaus of occupational disease and prenatal care in the division of health and a boys' bureau in the division of employment were refused.

Woman's Plea Wins $1,500.

The committees allowed an appropriation for the immigration bureau. An appropriation of $1,500 was given the girls' employment bureau after a plea by Miss Hilda Mulhauser, director of the work.

Differences of opinion between Mayor-elect Davis' cabinet and committee members arose on several occasions. The committee boosted by $4,000 an appropriation for provisions for the outdoor relief bureau, although Commissioner of Charities and Correction Winans said that $14,000 would be ample for this purpose.

An item of $8,000 for enlarging dairy barns at the Warrensville Correction farms was also allowed to stand, in the face of bitter criticism by Councilman FitzGerald.

Puts Streets Ahead of Barns.

"It is a question of selling a cow or two or spending $8,000 in enlarging barns," said FitzGerald. "Taxpayers are entitled to better streets and sewers before Warrensville farms are entitled to an $8,000 barn."

FitzGerald questioned Commissioner of Health Ford as to whether the work of the bureau of sanitation could not be handled by two sergeants, eliminating the $1,800 position of sanitary chief now held by Miss Mildred Chadsey.

Ford declared the plan impractical. He said that enforcement of the new tenement house code January 1 made it all the more imperative to have a sanitation expert in charge of the bureau.

The committee refused sanitary patrolmen and food inspectors an automatic pay increase in accordance with a sliding scale of salaries now in effect. Another saving was made in provisions for the Warrensville colony farm, where $11,000 was slashed from the estimate.

At the request of FitzGerald the committee deferred action on a proposed $3,600 appropriation for the salary of Dr. Martin Friedrich, medical expert in the division of health. This gave rise to the report that Friedrich is not to be retained.

Tuberculosis Fund Stands.

Entire appropriations asked for the tuberculosis sanitarium at Warrensville were allowed to stand. Dr. H. H. Bishop, Jr., head of the institution, explained that the county paid the exact cost of caring for patients there.

In making appropriations for the outdoor relief bureau the committee voted down the district plan of giving relief proposed by a survey committee of the Cleveland Foundation. It was estimated that it would require $5,000 more to operate the bureau in this manner.

Commissioner of Health Ford's request for $10,000 for diphtheria antitoxin was cut in two after he explained that physicians were granted an unlimited supply of free serum without investigation. Lamar Beman, who is to be the new director of public welfare, proposed that serums be furnished at actual cost to other than indigent families.

Ford's request for funds to increase the salaries of physicians at city dispensaries from $25 to $50 a month was also refused. He explained that a number of the physicians would probably resign.

Budget requests must be cut by nearly $1,000,000 if the city is to be operated within its means next year. Sessions of the committees will be resumed this morning.

DAVIS TO SELL LAND TO RAISE NEEDED MONEY

Part of the $1,500,000 deficit the city faces for 1916 will be made up by the sale of $200,000 worth of land owned by the city and not needed, Mayor-elect Davis said Monday.

One will be the old workhouse property in Woodland ave., worth $100,000, and used for a municipal storehouse.

The other is the Union ave. allotment, laid out for workingmen's homes by the city and never used. Davis hopes it'll bring $100,000. The city has run a boulevard around it and installed car service. It cost approximately $150,000, Davis said. The Baker administration, when bids were asked, was offered $98,000.

Davis will meet his completed cabinet for the first time Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. The cabinet was filled by the appointment Sunday of C. J. Neal, vice president and treasurer of the Neal Fireproof Storage Company, to be finance director.

Neal is a member of the board of education and president of the Chamber of Industry, and a director of the People's bank.

One of the first official acts of the cabinet, Davis said, will be to visit the new city hall and plan their quarters there. Davis said some of the first assistants to directors will be selected at the Tuesday meeting.

Instructions Baker gave his department heads Monday insures their not being too talkative at hearings on the 1916 budget of $6,000,000. Directors will attend sessions bearing on their departments and state conditions and finances as they have been in the past, but will not volunteer advice.

"If directors say this is the logical thing to do or that can't be done it will appear as though they were trying to shape policies," Baker said. "To explain past conditions is all right, but to volunteer advice is wrong."

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Although there are fifty attorneys in the city seeking places as police prosecutors, the only one anywhere near sure of appointment at the hands of W. S. FitzGerald, named director of law, is Herman Kohen, according to a report circulated yesterday.

The Cleveland Congress of Mothers decided to take an active part in the selection of a member of the board of education to succeed Neal. A committee of fourteen was appointed at a meeting of the organization yesterday to urge upon the board of education the candidacy of M. C. Yeagle. Mrs. J. K. Parker, secretary of the Woman's Civic Association, stated that the latter organization would also indorse Yeagle.

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The conference, scheduled to break up at noon, became so interesting Davis ordered covers laid for eight in the conference chamber and they went right on talking.

At the close of the meeting the cabinet was to go in a body to city hall and look over the administrative offices.

Davis said some directors might be ready to announce their first assistants at the close of the meeting.

Predictions Tuesday were that Pierre White, right-hand man of Davis in the election campaign, will be given Judge Fielder Sanders' place on the municipal bench. Peter Wagner, deputy commissioner of accounts, instead of losing his job under the Davis regime, is to be promoted to a $3,000 job—that of commissioner of accounts, it is said.

W. S. Fitzgerald, Davis appointee as law director, Tuesday criticized the Baker administration for its announced intention of passing the appropriation ordinance for 1916 in blank, leaving the figures to be filled in by the incoming administration.

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Budget Makers Also Pare Humane Society Fund.

PRESS
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Council budget committee, acting on advice of Mayor-elect Davis' cabinet, Friday morning wiped out appropriations for the muny orchestra and Dr. Jean Dawson's fly extermination bureau.

The sum of $10,000 had been asked for the orchestra and $6000 for killing flies.

Other cuts made Friday caused a total reduction of $20,952, which means that a grand total of $253,860 has already been slashed from the budget.

When the muny orchestra was wiped out on motion of Councilman Bernstein, who's to be next server, Councilman McGinty wanted to know: "How about park band concerts?"

"We'll take care of those," responded Bernstein.

Councilman FitzGerald, who's to be law director, started the move to kill the fly appropriation.

"What's the $6000 used for?" asked Davis.

"It's used by Dr. Dawson to pay high school girls salaries for looking at manure boxes," answered Councilman Moylan.

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Plain Dealer
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The hurling of a legal bomb in yesterday's meeting of the civil service commission caused the sudden change in the city job atmosphere.

The question was raised by Secretary Mayo Fesler of the Civic League who is preparing a bulletin on the work of the civil service commission.

Secretary Fesler proposed to the board that it obtain a legal ruling as to the meaning of section 138 of the city charter. According to Secretary Fesler, one construction that might be placed on this section is that it deprives the incoming city administration of the authority to dismiss city employes who are on the temporary lists unless some definite cause is advanced.

This would include all employes in the classified branch of the service whether they have taken civil service examinations and have been regularly appointed from civil service lists or are holding positions not yet reached by the commission.

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As the watchword of the new administration is to be "economy" the millions talked about weren't so much the ones to be spent as the ones Davis hopes to save.

The conference, scheduled to break up at noon, became so interesting Davis ordered covers laid for eight in the conference chamber and they went right on talking.

At the close of the meeting the cabinet was to go in a body to city hall and look over the administrative offices.

Davis said some directors might be ready to announce their first assistants at the close of the meeting.

Predictions Tuesday were that Pierre White, right-hand man of Davis in the election campaign, will be given Judge Fielder Sanders' place on the municipal bench. Peter Wagner, deputy commissioner of accounts, instead of losing his job under the Davis regime, is to be promoted to a $3,000 job—that of commissioner of accounts, it is said.

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The sum of $10,000 had been asked for the orchestra and $6000 for killing flies.

Other cuts made Friday caused a total reduction of $20,952, which means that a grand total of $253,860 has already been slashed from the budget.

When the muny orchestra was wiped out on motion of Councilman Bernstein, who's to be next server, Councilman McGinty wanted to know: "How about park band concerts?"

"We'll take care of those," responded Bernstein.

Councilman FitzGerald, who's to be law director, started the move to kill the fly appropriation.

"What's the $6000 used for?" asked Davis.

"It's used by Dr. Dawson to pay high school girls salaries for looking at manure boxes," answered Councilman Moylan.

Humane Society Loses $1000.

The committee also cut $1000 off the $6000 appropriation the humane society wanted, and slashed out a $1000 auto for the treasurer's office.

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One hundred or more fat city jobs with salaries ranging from $1,200 to $7,000, that have been dangling before the new city administration as so many plums waiting to be plucked, suddenly assumed a more remote appearance yesterday.

The hurling of a legal bomb in yesterday's meeting of the civil service commission caused the sudden change in the city job atmosphere.

The question was raised by Secretary Mayo Fesler of the Civic League who is preparing a bulletin on the work of the civil service commission.

Secretary Fesler proposed to the board that it obtain a legal ruling as to the meaning of section 138 of the city charter. According to Secretary Fesler, one construction that might be placed on this section is that it deprives the incoming city administration of the authority to dismiss city employes who are on the temporary lists unless some definite cause is advanced.

This would include all employes in the classified branch of the service whether they have taken civil service examinations and have been regularly appointed from civil service lists or are holding positions not yet reached by the commission.

The civil service commission has been of the opinion that employes on temporary lists could be dismissed without cause and this belief was expressed by Member William Keough at yesterday's meeting.

Among those holding civil servic positions for which examinations have not been held are Lighting Commissioner F. W. Ballard, Water Commissioner C. F. Schulz, Health Commissioner C. E. Ford, Supt. Howell Wright of the City hospital and First Assistant City Law Director Joseph Hostetler.

Possible changes in the city treasurer's offices were looked for yesterday when it became known that the eligible list for the position of city treasurer had been called for. The office is held by B. H. Dayton. Arthur L. Draper is first on the eligible list, John W. Longdon is second and John Daykin is third. City Treasurer Dayton was first on the list after the examination.

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BY WALKER S. BUEL.

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Clarence J. Neal, president of the Chamber of Industry and member of the board of education, yesterday was appointed director of finance by Mayor-elect Harry L. Davis.

He accepted the post. His appointment fills the Davis cabinet, which as a completed body will meet with the mayor-elect at 10 a. m. tomorrow to continue consideration of the economy program of the next administration.

Selection of Mr. Neal, lawyer, successful business man and active participant in civic affairs, had not been heralded and surprised him as much as anyone. The appointment gives the West Side representation in the official family of Mayor-elect Davis.

Uses Phone to Offer Post.

The new director had been in New York and returned yesterday morning to find a telephone call from Mr. Davis awaiting him. In a telephone conversation the mayor-elect offered the appointment to Mr. Neal, and asked him to think it over until Mr. Davis could see him. Mr. Davis then went to Mr. Neal's home, 8909 Detroit-av N. W. and the appointment was settled.

Mr. Neal accepted, expressing realization of the size of the task confronting praticularly the next director of finance, and later voiced a determination to carry into the office the same principles that would apply in private business.

"I told Mr. Davis," he said, "that if I went into the city hall I would maintain the same attitude with which I would enter the employment of a private corporation. Everyone in the office will render full value for what he receives from the city."

Mr. Neal, who is 37, is vice president and treasurer of the Neal Fireproof Storage Co., and a director of the People's Savings Bank.

Cleveland has been his home all his life. Born in 1878, he lived the early part of his life on Woodland-av S. E., attending Mayflower school and Central high school. After being graduated from Central high he entered the law school of Western Reserve university and was graduated in 1901. He practiced law actively for twelve years, then turned all his attention to the storage company of which he is an official.

Under Tom L. Johnson Mr. Neal was a member of the first bridge commission and was named to the same commission by former Mayor Herman Baehr. He has been elected twice by the school board to fill vacancies. He was chosen Dec. 16, 1912, to succeed Joseph R. Kraus, and served a year. Several months ago he again was made a member of the board, succeeding O. K. Dorn.

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PUBLIC OPINION FORCES BACK DOWN, SAY SOME

Probability of Recall if Witt Were Seated Was Decision Factor.

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In explaining his position last night Mr. Bulkley said:

"In deference to requests made by practically every member of the Democratic executive committee and Mr. Witt, I have reluctantly decided to have nothing more to do with the proposed election contest questioning the right of Mr. Davis to the office of mayor of Cleveland.

Believes Witt Elected.

"I firmly believe that under our constitution the second and third choice votes could not rightfully influence the result of the recent election and that Mr. Witt was legally elected mayor.

"I became interested in contesting Mr. Davis' right to the office because of a sense of duty to Mr. Witt and to those who voted for him.

"Personally, I still believe that this contest should be made, but the request of Mr. Witt and the committee persuades me that a majority of those who worked and voted for Mr. Witt now prefer to acquiesce in the result of the election as declared.

"Some of the criticisms of the proposed contest should be briefly noticed. It has been alleged that two years ago Mayor Baker's election resulted from a count of second choice votes, whereas the truth is that Mr. Baker led on first choice by an ample margin and the only effect of the second choice count was to reduce his margin over Mr. Davis. There was nothing in the election two years ago which could possibly be construed as binding any supporter of Mr. Witt to refrain from questioning the constitutionality of preferential voting.

"There has been some loose talk about 'changing the rules of the game after the game has been played.' Of course, no such thing was contemplated, nor would it be possible. If the charter rules of count are unconstitutional now they have always been unconstitutional and have never been 'the rules of the game.'

Declares Newspapers Wrong.

"The daily newspapers have all based their criticisms of the proposed action upon this totally unwarranted assumption. In a question arising in their own business they would, of course, attack the validity of any adverse statute which their attorneys might advise them was unconstitutional and they would attack it at the time it was hurting them.

"Constitutional questions arise usually as a result of some person being injured by the operation of some law in contravention of his constitutional rights. None of us feels any obligation to raise moot questions to establish theories about constitutional law and I recognize no such obligation in the present case.

"Our present constitution is not an antiquated instrument, but was amended and ratified only three years ago. The very purpose of having a constitution is to safeguard such important rights as voting against such errors and delusions as are involved in our so-called preferential system.

"It will before long become apparent to the voters that our charter provisions are not adapted to give proper weight to the preference as expressed by the voter. It is even probable that in the past election more voters expressed a preference for Witt over Davis than for Davis over Witt, but the rules of count are such that the returns do not show whether this be true or not.

"The abandonment of this contest does not meet with my approval, but my connection with the Democratic executive committee is such that any action of mine is interpreted as an action of the committee and under such circumstances I do not feel free to go forward against the judgment of members of the committee."

The decision of the Democratic chairman came at the end of a day which he had promised his committee members at a meeting Tuesday would be given to thorough consideration of all phases of the election suit question, and to conferences with Mr. Witt and others interested.

Mr. Witt at the close of his consultation with the county leader gave out a statement in which he said he had advised Mr. Bulkley to abandon his plan of bringing suit attacking the constitutionality of preferential voting, by which system Mr. Davis was elected.

Mr. Bulkley's decision not to bring the suit was not unexpected by Democratic leaders, most of whom believed, after the committee meeting Tuesday, that he would abandon the project. The decision means that Mr. Bulkley is in complete accord again with members of the executive committee, and that he will retain the county chairmanship.

He made the statement Tuesday, after his offer to resign had been refused by the committeemen, that if, after a day of deliberation and consultation with others interested in the suit, he decided it was his duty to proceed with the suit, he would insist that his resignation as chairman of the committee be accepted.

It is known that Mr. Bulkley went to the committee meeting Tuesday with the intention of carrying through the court fight against Mr. Davis' election in defiance of the wishes of the committee. When he stated his position and was greeted with a storm of protests he offered his resignation.

He was surprised, he said, at the refusal of the committeemen to accept it, and their attitude led him to promise he would hold up the suit, which was then ready for filing, for another day in order to consider which way his duty lay.

Circumstances were such, also, that he did not feel justified in deciding either to abandon or to press the suit without consulting Mr. Witt and others concerned. When Mr. Witt gave his consent yesterday afternoon to the dropping of the case Mr. Bulkley decided to be guided by his advice.

Mr. Witt, who has stated repeatedly since election that he had lost all personal interest in the mayoralty and did not want the job, in his statement issued yesterday declares his belief is unchanged that preferential method of voting is of doubtful validity.

He said, however, that if the Democratic committee has no desire to ascertain its validity, and, as he himself has no interest personally in the case, it is advisable to drop the suit.

It is known that while Mr. Witt and other friends of Mr. Bulkley would like to see the validity of preferential voting tested in the courts, they believe Mr. Bulkley would be making too great a sacrifice politically to resign his chairmanship, and to push the suit through single handed in defiance of the wishes of the organization. For this reason, among others, Mr. Witt favored abandoning the idea.

The chief reason for opposition shown by members of the organization to the court contest was the unfavorable reception given by the public to the announcement of his intention to attack the constitutionality of preferential voting, when the announcement was given out by Mr. Bulkley a week ago.

Organization leaders also believed that even if the preferential ballot were set aside by the supreme court, there would be no immediate benefit to the Democrats. Even if by a court order Mr. Witt had been called to the mayor's chair, it was believed that the people would have regarded as unfair the appeal to the courts and would have lost no time in recalling him from office.

Some political clubs about the city adopted resolutions condemning the proposed court action and pledging themselves to work for the recall of Mr. Witt if he should gain the mayoralty by a judicial order.

Mr. Bulkley's friends reasoned that if, after breaking with the committee, he persisted in fighting his suit through the courts and lost, his political future would be ruined.

The formal statement given out by Mr. Witt follows:

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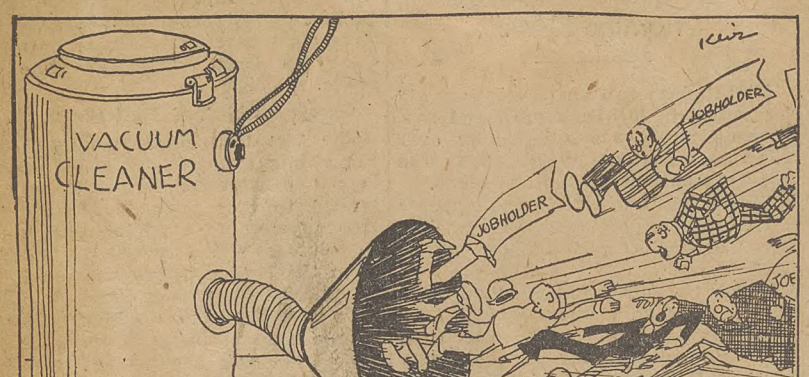
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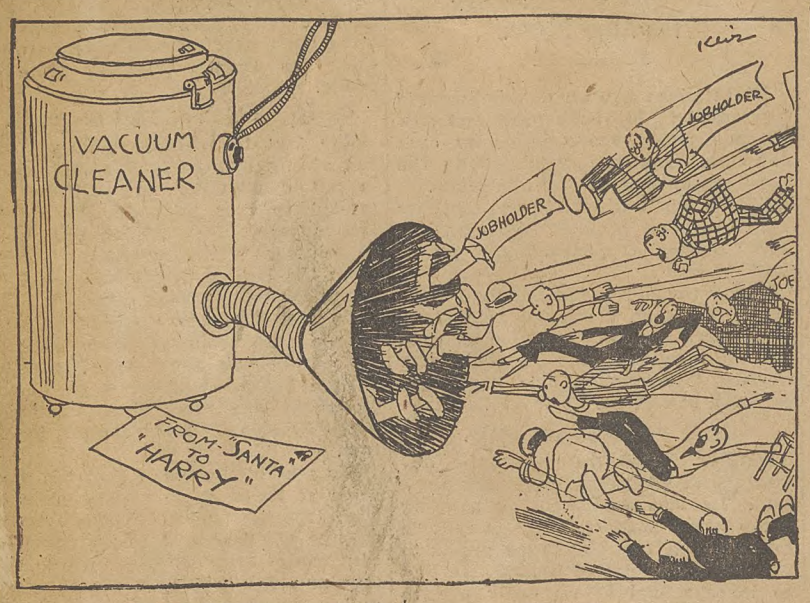
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The following summary shows the amounts asked for by departmental directors, the allowances by the committee, decreases, and expenditures made this year:

	Asked.	Given.	Cut.	1915 Spent.
General...	$321,082	$309,837	$14,225	$305,319.00
Service....	2,318,286	2,104,076	214,210	2,036,335.25
Welfare...	1,324,380	1,204,852	122,528	1,223,255.70
Safety....	2,201,696	2,049,952	151,744	2,121,095.00
Finance...	118,617	115,037	3,580	118,491.00
Misc.....	106,450	91,350	15,100	78,956.00
Totals...	$6,393,491	$5,871,115	$522,376	$5,883,451.95

Will Repair Streets.

Street repair work is to be carried on upon a larger scale the coming year, it was indicated by members of Davis' cabinet. Appropriations for the street repair division were increased $52,000 over this year, although Superintendent Masterson's estimate was cut by $50,000.

It will be fully four months before offices can be changed to the new city hall, the committee believes. Estimates for additional janitor and elevator service at the new city hall were reduced by one-third.

Councilman FitzGerald claimed that the services of W. S. Lougee, superintendent of the construction of the new city hall, were no longer needed. An item to pay his salary at the rate of $5,000 per year was allowed to stand.

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PLAIN DEALER

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City Hall Construction Allowance May be Reduced.

Mayor-elect Harry L. Davis and his cabinet heads must show how and where the city budget can be cut $1,000,000 before the appropriation ordinance for 1916 is passed.

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Heads of the new administration had announced that paring down of the city's cost of operation below the cost for 1915 would be deferred till after the first of the year.

Total cuts made thus far amount to $522,376 and an additional cut of $485,934 must be made from the ordinance as it now stands before the measure can be passed.

Estimate 1916 Income.

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The fifth day of paring down of estimates closed with a public session in the council chamber at which suggestions were made by Prof. A. R. Hatton who appeared to urge the restoration of the complete appropriation for the immigration bureau.

The professor declared the city could better afford to reduce its police and fire force or to cut salaries of councilmen and heads of departments, than to cut down the immigration bureau.

Attorney Thomas Gibbons served notice he would appear before the board of control after the first of the year to ask that the salaries of all city laborers be advanced from $2 to $2.50 a day.

This would mean an increase cost of $354,000 in the service and utilities departments of the city.

Must Agree on Plan.

Finance Director Coughlin served notice that the appropriation ordinance could not be passed until the new administration and council committees agreed on the method of making the complete cut of $1,000,000 as the ordinance is now out of balance.

He explained there would have to be an additional cut of $485,000 or that receipts would have to be boosted to that extent.

"A year ago we showed in our ordinance that we intended to borrow $1,055,000 to meet the operating deficit and in this way we exceeded the city's tax income for the year," Mr. Coughlin said.

"You do not show how you are going to raise the money to meet the expenditures authorized by this ordinance. The ordinance cannot be passed in its present form."

Mayor-elect Davis has announced he will not borrow additional funds to meet current expenses and the council is without power to borrow more than $200,000 on short time notes, even if it is considered advisable to follow this policy.

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Cuts in the allowance for the supervision of the construction of the new city hall were proposed and Councilman W. S. FitzGerald asked for an explanation of the duties of W. S. Lougee, supervising architect.

"I have never been able to discover what Mr. Lougee does down there," said Mr. FitzGerald.

An increase of $4,400 for employment of additional men needed for operation of the new sewage disposal plants was allowed to stand. As director of law, Mr. FitzGerald may be asked after Jan. 1 whether this expense cannot be borne by the water works department.

The public session called for the budget discussion started last evening. There were about thirty citizens in the gallery and lobbies and the only suggestions were from Prof. Hatton and Attorney Gibbons.

There were a number of women in the gallery, but none offered suggestions for changes in the budget. Prof. Hatton stated that while he realized the city was in dire financial need and that there would have to be many cuts he feared that the tendency would be to cut where there would be the least protest and that the welfare department would suffer in consequence.

"The people who will suffer there will not squeal and therefore the tendency will be cut the welfare activities," he said. "My notion would be to cut the physical things like street cleaning and paving. The fire and police department can also be cut."

After Director Coughlin had explained that the new appropriation ordinance would have to show expenditures equal to receipts of the city Mayor-elect Davis and his cabinet heads agreed to make recommendations for further cuts at a meeting Monday evening after the council meeting.

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BAKER OFFERS TO AID DAVIS

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